

# VENABLES OF VIRGINIA



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(1848-1901)

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AN ACCOUNT OF THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

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OF "SPRINGFIELD"

AND OF HIS BROTHER

WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE  
OF "HAYMARKET"

BOTH OF

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GERTRUDE (VENABLE) HOCKER  
AND OF MY UNCLE, HER HUSBAND,  
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## PREFACE

FOOTE'S *Sketches of Virginia*, p. 575, gives us an excellent analysis of the social conditions of Southside Virginia as they existed prior to the Civil War:

The genealogy of the 18th century of the Morton, Watkins, Venable, Allen, Womack, Smith, Spencer, Michaux, Wilson, and Scott families, and many others that occupied Lunenburg, in its original boundaries, would offer to the philosophic observer of the human race subjects for profound reflection. Coming from different divisions of the European stock, mingling in society on the frontier, amalgamating by marriage, moulded by the religious teachings of Robinson and Davies, and their associates and successors, they formed a state of society in which the excellencies of the original constituent parts have all been preserved. The courtly manners of Williamsburg, the cheerfulness and ease of the Huguenots, the honest frankness and stern independence of the English country gentleman, the activity and shrewdness of the merchant, the simplicity of Republican life,—have all been combined. Removed from cities and not densely crowded in neighborhoods, relieved from the drudgeries of common life, the increasing population has improved the opportunities for moral, intellectual, and spiritual advancement; and has set pious examples, of excellence in manners, morals, and religion, and domestic intercourse,—worthy of remembrance and imitation.

My uncle, Matthew Walton Venable of Charleston, West Virginia, in speaking of his Venable ancestors writes:

But, above all this, the contemplation of a long line of God-fearing, patriotic, self-sacrificing ancestry, among whom are men and women who have given their lives for right, and conscience, is no mean stimulus to worthy living and high ideals.

The characteristics of the Venable family seem quite marked. In their domestic relations they have made good husbands and good wives, devoted to their children and kin. Large families seem to have been rather the rule than the exception among them. They seem to have been a people little influenced by worldly show or pomp, preferring

to follow quietly the even tenor of their way. In matters of public import in which they have been often employed, their chief interest has been in the accomplishment of the task imposed, as a matter of duty, and in the problems of the work itself, rather than in the love of show or personal advancement. As soldiers, statesmen and judges many have risen to eminence, not through office-seeking, but through solid worth. In times that, to borrow a phrase, have tried men's souls, when men have had to back their political views with their lives and fortunes, they have rarely hesitated to make the sacrifice.

Impressed, as I have been on every hand, with the danger of these traditions being forgotten, and with the fact that members of the clan are scattered all over the world, I have set myself the task of gathering up some of the neglected bits and piecing them into a fairly complete record.

My purpose was to include in this volume as detailed an account as possible of every descendant of Abraham Venables II of Louisa County, Virginia; as many of the original records as are still extant; and all the old portraits of which I could get photographs. My efforts in collecting the material resulted in a work so voluminous that its publication was out of the question, and it became necessary to reduce its size. This volume is the result. It has been arranged, of course, in the interest of subscribers, a list of whom the reader will find elsewhere in this book. I hope that it will meet with the approval of many of the relatives whose names are not there.

The difficulty of making a correct record of this kind cannot be imagined. For nearly all of the information about the past two generations and that of the present, I was naturally dependent upon the coöperation of members of the family now living, many of whom were unwilling to aid this work in any way. In some cases, too, a distinctly characteristic penmanship added to the confusion. Then again, many of the old court house records, certified copies of which are included in this volume are so old and faded that accurate transcriptions are impossible.

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PART I

*Venables of England and of Virginia*

## THE VENABLES ARMS

ARMS: Azure, two bars, Argent.

CREST: On a wreath, a wyvern with wings endorsed, argent, standing on a fishweir devouring a child, and pierced through the neck by an arrow, all proper.

MOTTO: Nous Persevons.

These arms are those of the barons of "Kinderton," Cheshire, the parent stock of all the English Venables, a copy of which was, in the early days, sent to the Virginia Venables by their "English Cousins." The following delightfully antique story, together with other family data was sent at the same time. It is from Greene's *History of Knutsford*, page 90. Speaking of family traditions:

But more wonderful, if possible, is a tale current in the family of Sir William Venables of Kinderton, who lived 1296 (Edward I) and who was the common ancestor of . . . The story is about a Thomas Venables, son of that Sir Gilbert Venables, who was cousin-german to King William the Conqueror:

"In the time of this Thomas Venables," says the old Chronicle; "yt chaunced a terrible dragon to remayne and make his abode in the lordshippe of Moston, in the sayde countye of Chester, where he devoured all suche p'sons as he laid hold on, which ye said Thomas Venables heringe tell of, consideringe the pytyfull and dayly destruction of the people, w'thowte recov'ie, who in folliwing th' example of the valiante Romaines etc., etc., dyd in his owne p'son valiantlie and courragiouslie, set on the saide dragon, where first he shotte hym throwe with an arrowe, and afterward with other weapons manfullie slew him, at which instant tyme the sayd dragon was devouring of a childe."

Explanation. Perhaps the dragon was a fierce eagle. The child was probably the infant of a fisherwoman and was lying in a "welsome or weir" or basket in which fisherwomen put fish—probably the mother had used it as a cradle.

The motto is in a dialect of the Norman French and means, not as some say, "We persevere" but "We pursue."





## CHAPTER I

### VENABLES OF ENGLAND

First, by the way of introduction, we will quote below two articles entire: one, from Vol. IV, *Publications of the Huguenot Society of America*, pp. 64-65; the other from the *William and Mary College Quarterly*, Vol. XV, pp. 21-24:

I. VENABLES, a baronial name from Venables, near Evreux, Normandy. The family does not appear under this name in Normandy, its proper name being le Venour, or Venator. Arnulph, Gislebert, Gaufridus, Hugh, Richard Venator, Normandy, 1180-95 (M. R. S.). Richard Venator, 1198 (*ibid*). Gislebert Venator, or De Venables, held the barony of Kinderton, Cheshire, 1086, from whom descended the Venables, Barons of Kinderton, and many other families.

GROSVENOR, so named from the office of Veneur, or Venator (hunter), of the Dukes of Normandy, borne by this family. Walter de Veneur was eminently distinguished, 960, at the battle of the Fords, between Lothaire, King of France, and the Normans, where he was rescued by Duke Richard I., and remounted by him on his best horse (Palgrave, *Hist. Normandy*, ii., 738). The name occurs about the same time in the Charters of the Gallia Christiana. The ancient seat of the Le Venours appears to have been Venables, near Evreux, and they bore, or, or argent, a bend azure (La Roque, *Hist. Harcourt*, ii., 1181), which was also borne by several of their English descendants, especially by the family under consideration. Three brothers of this family came to England with Hugh Lupus: 1. Gislebert Venator, or De Venables, ancestor of the Barons of Kinderton, of whom Gislebert Venables of Cheshire is mentioned in Normandy, 1180, as "Gislebert Venator" (M. R. S.). The French line of Le Venour, descended from him, bore argent, a bend azure, fretty or, for difference (*Anseleme*, viii., 256). 2. From another brother probably derived the Butlers of Chester, Barons of Warrington, who also bore, or, a bend azure, differenced by the wheat sheaves of Chester. 3. Radulph, or Ranulph.

II. Venables is a district about thirty miles beyond Rouen, on the road to Paris, between St. Pierre and Vernon (within a few miles of those places), and stands in the centre of the neck of a peninsular tract of land formed by a bend of the Seine, in the neighborhood of Beau-

mont, Gournay, and Bermières. The high road runs straight through this tract to the centre of the arc of the Seine, which it intersects at a point where that river bends past the Petit Andeli, near the famous Chateau Gaillard, erected by Richard, Coeur de Lion, for the defence of that part of Normandy. A map of this district, showing the position of Venables very clearly (near the forest of Andeli), and as one of the chief places, was published in *Histoire du Chateau Gaillard*, in 1829.

Gislebertus de Venables, the ancestor of the Venables of England and of Virginia, accompanied William the Conqueror to England. His name (derived, by the way, from "Venabulum" a hunting spear or more properly boar spear, reflects his origin, "Hereditary Huntsmen" or *Veneurs* of the Norman Dukes) is found on the Roll of Battle Abbey. His family in Normandy does not appear under this name, the proper name being Le Venour (Veneur) or Venator, the latter evidently the Latin form of the name. As if there should be no doubt of this, Gislebertus de Venables, on the division of the spoils, received part of his share under the name of Venator, and many other English references to him are under this name.

Gilbert Venables, using the English form, received extensive estates, and was one of the English Barons attached to the Earldom of Cheshire, under Hugh Lupus, with the title Baron of Kinderton. (The ancient Castle of Kinderton stood near the banks of the Dane, two fields' breadth from the old Roman works of Condate—a part of the moat is all that is left of it. The Castle has been taken down as well as the later "Hall" which succeeded it. A brick mansion called "Kinderton Lodge" lies in another part of the Manor.) He is referred to as the younger brother of Stephen, Earl of Blois, the father of Stephen, King of England, which would make him a descendant of Charlemagne; and he is also referred to as cousin-german to the Conqueror.

The title and much of the estates, remained in the Venables family for nearly 700 years, or until the death of the last Baron, Sir Peter, when, by virtue of a will, the Venables title and arms were assumed by George Vernon, making the hyphenated Venables-Vernon, or Lord Vernon of the present day.

With Sir Peter, the main line, coming through the direct heirs, became extinct. But there were numerous branches, through younger sons, scattered through England; and their pedigrees, limited as English pedigrees are, may be found in several of the County histories of England—excepting Devonshire. There were no Venables in Devonshire. In none of these county histories have I found any clue to the emigrant to Virginia, Abraham Venables.

In the old families, baptismal names were religiously adhered to,

and it is almost a certainty that any line of descendants may be placed upon the main stem by attention to the baptismal names. But in the case of Abraham Venables, the Virginia emigrant, I have not found in any published English pedigree—and I think I have seen them all—any Abraham which would furnish the clue to the Virginia ancestor. However, be this as it may.

According to the *Richmond Standard*, Abraham Venables, the emigrant, came to Virginia about the year 1680. He had two sons, Joseph and Abraham, Joseph going to Maryland, and Abraham to Virginia. Another Virginia genealogist states there were two brothers, Abraham and Joseph, the latter going to Maryland, the former to Virginia. Evidence seems to point to the fact that there was a Joseph Venables in Maryland, and that he was contemporary with the Abraham of Virginia. I am inclined to doubt any relationship, however, as the baptismal name, Joseph, is not found in the Virginia descendants, a fact significant.

Lately, an esteemed correspondent sent me some notes gleaned from the Pennsylvania Archives, from which it appears that a "William Venables, upon his first arrival, procured a warrant from Thos. Holme in 1682, for 300 acres of land to be laid out in Bucks, near the Falls," etc. This William had two daughters, Joyce and Frances, but apparently no sons; and so Thomas Venables, who was a Justice of the Peace in Philadelphia County in 1745 and in 1749, and a Sarah Venables who was married to William Jenkins in 1767, seem to be unaccounted for.

As if to add to the tangle, a "Ralph Vennables" left England in 1635, for the Bermudas. Must we look to this Ralph as the progenitor of the Virginia families?

The immediate English ancestor of the Venables in the United States, that is of those who trace their origin back to Colonial times and who omit the final "s" from the name, was for several generations supposed to be General Robert Venables, better known as Admiral Venables, who was conspicuous in the time of Cromwell, and is mentioned in Hume's *History of England*. He, however, died in 1687, without male issue. See: his will on record. On account of his interest in American affairs, we give here a sketch of him.

Although a Cavalier in blood and association, like many others of the same connection, he sided with the popular cause. He served in Ireland under Cromwell and was subsequently sent by him with Admiral Penn, the father of the founder of Pennsylvania, in joint command of a fleet against the Spanish West Indies. The two Admirals quarrelled on the way and being of equal rank, they settled the difference by dividing

the fleet, each taking half and proceeding according to his own judgment. Penn made a descent upon Cuba and, meeting with failure and losing most of his ships and men, returned to England. Venables, however, proceeded against Jamaica, which he conquered and took possession of in the name of the English Commonwealth. It is interesting to note that it has remained in English possession. On his return to England, instead of being received with the honors of a conqueror, he was thrown into the Tower, on account of the jealous remarks of Penn, who had arrived in England first. While in prison, where he was detained some years, Venables wrote his *Autobiography*, *A History of the Expedition against the Spanish West Indies*,—in which he vindicated his own course, and *The Pleasing Art of Angling*, in which we find an interesting and complimentary letter to the author from Isaac Walton. (We have read all of these books which may now [1918] be found in the New York Public Library.) Upon his release from prison, General Venables devoted himself to his private affairs,—a state of things doubtless enforced, as he found himself out of favor with the Cromwellian as well as with the Royalist party.

See: *The Pleasing Art of Angling* by General Robert Venables, published, London, 1683, by B. W. for B. Tooke, at "The Ship" in St. Paul's Church Yard and Thomas Sanbridge at "The Three Flower de Lucas" in Little Britain.

See also: the *Publications of the Chetham Society*, Vol. IV, "Some Account of General Robert Venables of Antrobus and Winsham, Cheshire." An engraving from the portrait of General Venables of Winsham Hall, is used as the frontispiece.

From what English parish registers and county histories we had had time to search (our work here covered about a hundred volumes—all the published records of Cheshire, Staffordshire, Hertfordshire, Cornwall, Devonshire and Middlessex), we have gleaned six Abraham Venables:

- I. Will of Abraham Venables of Leighford, County Stafford, yeoman, dated 1672, names children: Richard, Ellen, Elizabeth, all minors.
- II. Will of Abraham Vennables of the parish of Enfield, Middlessex, yeoman, Oct. 15, 1709, mentions son, Abraham, *not yet twenty-one*, and nephew, Abraham Venables, "son of my brother, Thomas Venables of the parish of Datchworth, Herts."
- III. Parish registers of Datchworth, Herts, and Brigg's, *Herts Genealogist*, Vol. III, p. 231, gives the following:

- A. "Thomas Venables, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Blakesware, alias Blages, and eight messuages, and land in Ware, Blakesware, Widford and Thundridge."
- B. Vol. I, page 312, of the same: "Thomas Venables, Knt, and Anne Brooke: Simon Clare, Esq., Agnes, his wife—Manor of Blakesware, alias Blages, and eight, etc.," as above.
- C. Marriages in Datchworth, Herts.
  - 1. John Venables and Annie Cuthbert of Datchworth mar. Dec. 2, 1707.
  - 2. Thomas Venables and Mary Draper of Datchworth, mar. Apr. 30, 1711.
  - 3. Abraham Venables and Mary Heath of Datchworth, mar. Sept. 4, 1713.

IV. In Gnosall parish, Staffordshire, we find:

John Venables and his wife Elizabeth "of this place" had issue:

- A. William Venables, bapt. Apr. 26, 1674.
- B. Abraham Venables, bapt. July 3, 1678.
- C. Richard Venables, bapt. Dec. 26, 1679.
- D. Thomas Venables, bapt. Sept. 4, 1682.
- E. Michael Venables, bapt. Nov. 7, 1683.

This William and Abraham are dismissed, being, as they were, in 1682, eight and four years of age.

V. One more record we have from Gnosall parish:

- A. Abraham Venables son of Thomas Venables, bapt. Feb. 1, 1617.

A remarkable coincidence seems to connect our Virginia branch, somehow, with these Venables of Gnosall parish, Staffordshire, because we find, in this same parish the following records:

- I. Thomas, son of Hugh and Elizabeth ap Lewis, bapt. Nov. 21, 1642. We know that Captain Hugh Lewis, father-in-law, of our Abraham Venables I, was in Barbadoes in 1679.
- II. Stonars we find galore and we know in the Virginia land office, there is record of Richard Venables, who purchased land in Virginia from Alexander Stonar, 1635.

Perhaps some one else will take the search up here and carry it to a successful conclusion.

A quaint quotation from a very old copy of Sharpe's *Peerage* gives us some idea of the importance of these old ancestors:—

Sir John Egerton with Sir Hugh Venables, Sir Thomas Dutton, Sir Richard Molineaux, Sir Wm. Troutbeck, Sir John Leigh, Sir John Done, and others. The flower of the Cheshire gentry was killed at the battle of Blore Heath (Sept. 23rd. 1459) County Stafford between Lord Audley, on the part of Henry VI and Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury, on the side of the Yorkists; the conflict is described by Michael Drayton in "Polyolbion," Song 22.

"There Dutton, Dutton kills; a Done doth kill a Done;  
A Booth, a Booth; and Leigh by Leigh is overthrown;  
A Venables against a Venables doth stand;  
And Troutbeck fighteth with a Troutbeck, hand in hand;  
There Molineaux doth make a Molineaux to die;  
And Egerton, the strength of Egerton doth try.  
Oh, Cheshire! wert thou mad of thine own native gore;  
So much until this day, thou never sheds't before!  
Above two thousand men upon the earth were thrown,  
Of whom the greatest part were naturally thine own!"

## CHAPTER II

### VENABLES OF VIRGINIA

So far as the existing records of this country go, three Venables came to Virginia during Colonial times or were in some way associated with it then.

1. Richard Venables, who purchased land in Virginia from Alexander Stonar in 1635. See: Greer's *Early Virginia Immigrants*, p. 338.

2. Sara Venables, "late of Northwich, County Chester, (England), spinster," who, "being resolved for a voyage to the land of Virginia," made her will in England, Oct. 13, 1658. This will was proved, June 20, 1659, in Northwich.

3. Abraham Venables of New Kent Co., Va., 1687. See: *St. Peter's Parish Register*, New Kent Co., Va., which, on page 71, says: "Sarah, wife of Abraham Venables, deceased ye 13 day of Feb. 1687 - '8. Isaac deceased same day. Abraham, son of Abraham Venables, baptized the 27th April, 1701."

*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XXI, records the following from The Quit Rent Rolls of New Kent Co., Va., 1704, now preserved in the British Museum in London, England:

Parish of St. Peter's and St. Paul, 1704.

Abraham Venables 100 A.

John Venables 200 A.

We have also from the Virginia Land office a letter relative to this matter, a portion of which we quote:

In accordance with your request of the 5th instant, I am sending you herewith a list of patents issued in the name of "Abraham Venable" ("Venables") and "Abraham Venable, Jr."

I have examined the New Kent County records of this office and find that no patents appear there to any Venable or Venables.

As this office contains records of original patents and grants only, these parties must have bought their land in New Kent County if they owned any there.

*Patents of Record in Virginia Land Office to "Abraham Venable"  
("Venables") and "Abraham Venable, Jr."*

Abraham Venable, Jr.	400 acres—Hanover County—issued September 27th, 1729 (Book #13: page 421);
Abraham Venables	1550 acres—Hanover County—issued September 28th, 1732 (Book #14: page 474);
Abraham Venable	1100 acres—Goochland County—issue June 20th, 1733 (Book #15: page 15);
Abraham Venable	1300 acres—Goochland County—issued June 20th, 1733 (Book #15: page 30);
Abraham Venables	780 acres—Goochland County—issued September 27th, 1734 (Book #15: page 303);
Abraham Venables	1500 acres—Goochland County—issued July 19th, 1735 (Book #16: page 49);
Abraham Venable	2100 acres—Amelia County—issued September 12th, 1738 (Book #18: page 122);
Abraham Venables	4230 acres—Goochland County—issued June 29th, 1739 (Book #18: page 293);
Abraham Venable	3300 acres—Amelia County—issued March 30th, 1743 (Book #20: page 493);
Abraham Venables	225 acres—Goochland County—issued June 16th, 1744 (Book #22: page 56);
Abraham Venable, Jr.	340 acres—Lunenburg County—issued August 24th, 1754 (Book #32: page 395);
Abraham Venable, Jr.	740 acres—Lunenburg County—issued November 26th, 1754 (Book #32: page 420);
Abraham Venable, Jr.	2065 acres—Lunenburg and Bedford Counties—issued June 26th, 1759 (Book #33: page 574);
Abraham Venable	571 acres—Lunenburg and Bedford Counties—issued June 5th, 1765 (Book #36: page 733).



Besides these records, we have no knowledge whatsoever of any of the Virginia Venables mentioned, except the last, Abraham Venables of New Kent Co., Va. Two family records of this man have been preserved: one by his grandson, Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va.; the other, by William Lewis Morton, son of Elizabeth (Venable) Morton, sister of Nathaniel Venable, just mentioned.

The first of these, dated Dec. 25, 1790, states:<sup>1</sup> "Abraham Venable came from England into Virginia and married the widow of John Hicks, or Nicks, who was daughter of — Lewis, left one son, Abraham Venable, who was born 22nd March 1700 and who married Martha Davis of Hanover Co."

The second record (original copy now in the possession of Mrs. W. E. Dale, 828 Clay St., Shelbyville, Ky.) says: "Abraham Venable, my great-grand-father from England, Devonshire, who is of a numerous family in England. [We have canvassed twenty-six volumes of parish records and abstracts of Wills of Devonshire and find mention of but one Venable: Parts 1 - 6 of *Devonshire Pedigrees* by Tutchett (from the *Herald's Visitation*) p. 17-B: "William Venables, married Ann Leigh, daughter and heiress of Richard Leigh of High Leigh in Cheshire." No dates were given.] The following post card from Mr. Reginald Glencross of London will also throw some light on this point: "Many thanks for your letter of 24 June which crossed 2 of mine. I fear I do not believe that Abraham came from Devon tho he may have shipped at Plymouth. Consistory and Archdy. Courts of Exeter are all printed down to 1799 and no V's occur at all. There were several other courts but the 2 first mentd. were the most important and would certainly have a mention of the name. Sorry I am such a cold sponge.

RMGLENX."

Another item from William Lewis Morton's record is interesting: "John Venable died in his 21st year without issue." (This John is evidently an older son or brother of Abraham Venables I of New Kent Co., Va. The one who held 200 acres of land in New Kent Co., Va., 1704.) So far as the writer knows there is no other existing record of this man, and there is no mention in any Virginia record of ancient date of any "Joseph Venable who went to Maryland" or "William Venable of Pennsylvania." The assertion by later historians of rela-

<sup>1</sup> See *Wm. and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. XV, pp. 245-249.

tionship between these families is founded only upon similarity of names and the fact that these men chanced to come to America about the same time.

Our conclusion, therefore, in regard to Abraham Venables I of New Kent Co., Va., is as follows: He came to Virginia about 1685; he married (I) Sara, and had issue, perhaps John and surely Isaac; married (II) Elizabeth Lewis, widow of John Hicks or Nicks and daughter of Hugh ap Lewis, and had issue, Abraham Venables, of whom later.

Unfortunately, most of the Colonial records, parish registers, and courthouse records of that part of Virginia have at various times been destroyed by fire.

Of the first wife of Abraham Venables I we know nothing more; of the second, and her father, we have some knowledge. From the record of Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., as above stated, we learn that she was "widow of John Hicks or Nicks and daughter of — Lewis"; from that of William Lewis Morton, her great-grandson, that "Hugh Lewis came first with his wife and daughter, Abadiah Lewis, and lost his wife in America and returned to Britain with Abadiah, his only (unmarried) daughter and both returned to America with Robert Davis."

In Hotten's *Lists of Persons of Quality, etc., emigrants to the American Plantations, 1600-1700*, we find a John Hicks or Nicks, living in Barbadoes in 1679, and also, on p. 503, the following item:

Parish of St. James, Barbadoes (not Virginia, as stated by some); Ann. Accot. of The Land as itt-standeth in ye Church Books: With the Number of Servants and Negroes With Names of The owners thereof. In The psh = of St. James = As = Was taken by The Church Wardens of the Said Parish on the 20th December 1679.

Lewis = Hugh = Capt. Land 40 A, negroes 15.

We are led to believe by this that the second wife of Abraham Venables I of New Kent Co., Va., was a daughter of this Captain Hugh Lewis, and an older sister of Abadiah Lewis and a widow of this John Nicks or Hicks recorded as living in Barbadoes in 1679.

## CHAPTER III

### ABRAHAM VENABLES II, OF VIRGINIA

#### AND HIS CHILDREN

ABRAHAM VENABLES II, only surviving son of Abraham Venables I of New Kent Co., Va., was born March 22, 1700, O. S. baptized, as stated above, April 27, 1701, in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., Va. "He lived first on the Pamunky River in what was then New Kent Co., Va., afterwards, King and Queen, which was cut off from New Kent in 1691, and later and at present, King William County, which was cut off from King and Queen County in 1701. Abraham Venables II moved from the Pamunky region and settled in what was then Goochland County, in the fork between the Rivanna and the James Rivers. This region was cut off into Albemarle County in 1744 and in 1777 that end of Albemarle was formed into the present county of Fluvanna. The land upon which the village of Columbia is situated is a portion of the original home tract of this Abraham Venables II." This is taken from the records of Abram B. Venable of "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., written about 1870. Abraham Venables II owned immense tracts of land in Hanover, Louisa, Goochland, and Albemarle counties, on the Hardware River in South Garden and on "Ye Byrd Creek." He was prominent in the affairs of his country and church; justice of the peace of Hanover County, Va., before 1742; one of the first justices of Louisa County, Dec. 24, 1742; after 1742, County Lieutenant of Louisa; Captain in the Colonial Militia, Louisa County; Member of the Virginia House of Burgesses from Louisa for over twenty years, 1742-1751-1753-1755-1762, and other years. He was vestryman of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Va., prior to 1742, of Trinity Parish 1762-68, and of Fredericksville Parish, 1742-1761. He was friend, political supporter, and client of Patrick Henry.

*Will of Abraham Venables of Louisa Co. Va.—recorded Jan. 9, 1769.*

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

Abraham Venable of Trinity Parish, in Louisa County being in health of Body & of Perfect Mind & memory thanks be given to Almighty God & calling to mind the Mortallity of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say, Principally & first of all I recommend my soul unto the Hands of God that gave it, & my Body I Recommend to the earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting But that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God & Touching such Worldy Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give & dispose of the same in the following manoor & form: First I will that all my Lawful Debts & Funeral Expenses be paid & Discharged, & that each of my children to whom any aprt of my estate is now given do pay their respective parts of my Debts & legacies left to be paid in money in proportion to what they receive of my estate after my decease (Land only excepted) and that their respective parts be subject to pay each of their proportionate parts of debts & legacies aforesaid. ITEM: I give & Bequeath unto my son John Venable my seven hundred & Eighty three acres of land with the plantation whereon I now live situate lying & being on both sides the South Anna river in Louisa County, the s'd dividend of land, be the same more or less, to him the s'd Jno. Venable & to his Heirs & assigns forever & I also give & bequeath unto my s'd son Jno. Venable my four negroes (viz) Jack, David, Daniel & my negro girl Joyce & their increase, to him and his heirs & assigns forever, & I also give to my son John one feather bed, bedstead & furniture which of my beds he shall chuse, my young bay *mair* & grey horse colt & that he keep the sorrel horse Cedall heretofore verbally given him & I likewise give to my s'd son John, Three cows & calves, his choice out of my stock & six young cattle not under two years old, Ten sheep, my copper still & brass kettle all my books both *sticht* & bound, all my Kitchen Lumber & Cider casks & it is my will that he my s'd son John doth not pay above Twenty pounds current money of my debts or less than that sum if his proportion doth not amount to so much, anything above mentioned to the contrary Notwithstanding. ITEM, I give & bequeath unto my Daughter, Mary Moreman, wife to Charles Moreman Jr. & to her Heirs & assigns forever, my negro Boy Ben. ITEM, I give & bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Venable & to his Heirs & assigns forever my four negros, Isaac, Phillis, & two children Milly & Isham, children of Phillis, he paying fifteen Pounds current money to my daughter Mary More-

man besides her proportion of the remaining value towards my debts as above mentioned but if any of the s'd negro shall die before he is possessed of them, then & in that case, he to be exempted from paying the s'd fifteen pounds. ITEM. I give & bequeath unto my son Jas. Venable & my daughter Ann King, wife to Phillip King & to their respective heirs & assigns forever, my Three negroes, Peter, Sarah & Sam, child of Sarah & their increase to be divided between them in the following manner, that is to say, my s'd son James to have one third part & my s'd daughter Ann to have two third parts & being unwilling to part the said Negroes, I am desirous if it should suit my s'd son & Daughter, but not to compel them, that my s'd son Jas. do take all the s'd three negroes & pay to my s'd daughter Ann two third part of the value of the three negroes according to appraisement as they can agree, & whereas I have undertaken to bring up Sarah Tucker, an orphan child, it is my request that my sons Nathl. & Jas. do take care of her as far as necessary. ITEM. I acquit my son in law Phillip King the ballance of his old account being fifty six shillings & four pence half penny.

ITEM. I give unto my daughter Elisabeth Morton wife of Josiah Morton & to her Heirs and assigns forever my negroe girl Judith & her increase. I will that my negro woman Hannah may go to which of my children she shall chuse I will that my negro man Tom may go to which of my children legasees he shall chuse or to be sold at the s'd negro Election, if he can be sold for his value in the judgm't of my exect'rs (or one of them).

ITEM. I give & bequeath unto my son William Venable my surveyors Instrument now in his possession. ITEM. I give to Sarah Tucker Ten pounds current money. I will that my crop of Tobc. on hand at my death after cloathing my negroes according to the season the remainder may be applyed as far as necessary towards paying my debts & the Legasie left to be paid in money & at the division of my negroes may be left on the plantation for the support of my son, John, & his negroes & stock apportionable part of the corn wheat & oats then remaining. All the rest of my estate of what nature soever I give & bequeath to my son Jn. Venable & my three daughters Ann King, Elisabeth Morton, & Mary Moreman, to be equally divided among them, in such manner as they shall agree, or on their disagreement, the same to be done according to the Rules of Law & I do constitute & appoint my friend Mr. Waddy Thomson & my sons Abraham Venable, Nathaniel Venable, Hugh Lewis Venable & Jn. Venable, Exors. of this my last will & Testament & I do appoint my friend Mr. Patrick Henry, my trustee & I do hereby revoke all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this my last will & testa-

ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
Eleventh Day of April one thousand seven Hundred & Sixty eight.  
Signed, sealed Published &

Abraham Venable (Seal)

Declared

In the presence of

James Tate

Love Statham

James Arnet

Jns. Byars

Jns. Lea

At a Court held for Louisa County Jan'y 9th, 1769.

This Will & Testament was this day in open Court proved by the  
oaths of three witnesses thereto & by the Court O. to be Recorded.

Teste:—John Nelson, C. L. C.

A Copy:—

Teste:—P. B. Porter, Clerk.

*A record of Abraham Venables of Louisa Co. Va. found in Goochland  
Co. Va.*

At a Court called for Goochland County the twenty ninth day of  
Aprill MDCCXXXII for the Examination of Anthony Wheeler.

PRESENT.

Daniel Stoner, George Payne, George Raine, Anthony Hoggatt,  
Gent. Justices.

Abraham Venables acknowledges himself indebted unto Our Sov-  
eign Lord King George the Second in the Sum of One hundred pounds  
Sterling to be levied on his Goods & Chattles On Condition that if  
the said Abraham do appear on the Second Tuesday in June next before  
the Honble the Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer at the  
Capitol in Williamsburg then and there to give Evidence on behalf of  
our said Lord the King against Anthony Wheeler, And if the said  
Abraham do cause a Negro male child named Simon belonging to the  
Estate of John Syme, decd, to be carried to the said Court at Williams-  
burg then this Recognizance to be void else in force.

(Court Order Book No. 3, pages 62 & 63).

A Copy from the Record,

Teste: P. G. Miller, County Clerk  
of the County of Goochland, Vir-  
ginia, February 13, 1923.

*Deeds of Venable of Louisa Co. Va. recorded in Louisa Co. Va.*

Deed Abraham Venable to John Venable 1820 D. B. O.—page 35.

Abraham Venable to his son, Jas. Venable, 1759, B—page 297.

Abraham Venable to daughter Elizabeth Morton, 1759—B—296.

Abraham Venable to daughter Mary Moreman, 1767, D $\frac{1}{2}$ —70.

John Venable to James Watson, 1779, H, 97.

John Venable to Chas. Walden, 1772, D $\frac{1}{2}$ , 423.

Abraham Venable II, b. New Kent Co., Va., Mar. 22, 1700; d. Louisa Co., Va., Dec. 16, 1768; mar. Hanover Co., Va., 1723, Martha Davis, an earnest Quakeress, b. July 14, 1702; d. Feb. 18, 1765. Of her parentage we have two accounts. One from *Cabells and their Kin*, p. 269, which states: "Martha Davis was aunt of Dr. Wm. Cabell's first wife, - - - - she was positively a relative, but of what degree, it is not positively known," and then on p. 43, *Cabells and their Kin* from the *The Floyd Tradition*, the descent from Nathaniel Davis and the Indian Princess, Nikitti.

The other, from the original records of William Lewis Morton, grandson of Martha Davis, and son of her daughter, Elizabeth (Venable) Morton. This record, from which we have already quoted, is, as we have said, now (1924) in the possession of Mrs. W. E. Dale, 828 Clay St., Shelbyville, Ky.

We quote it complete below. The portions in brackets were added, for the sake of clearness.

Record of William Lewis Morton, son of Elizabeth Venable and Josiah Morton [b. Jan. 3, 1774, d. 1855], concerning his family history,

Hugh Lewis was my mother's great-grand-father, his daughter, Abadiah Lewis married Robert Davis.

[Descendants as follows:]

1. Sara Davis, married Thomas Bagby, Hanover, Taylor's Creek.
2. Rossanna Davis married Nathaniel Saunders, King and Queen.
3. Frances Davis married James Bagby, King and Queen Co., Va.
4. Elizabeth Davis married John Bagby, King and Queen.
5. Abadiah Davis married Thomas Harding and John Gray.
6. Mary Davis married Thomas Banks, King and Queen.
7. Robert Davis had three (3) wives, moved to St. Mary's, became rich, and was killed by Indians.
8. Isham Davis, killed by Indians.
9. Nathaniel Davis, killed by Indians.
10. John Davis, killed by Indians.

11. Martha Davis married Abraham Venable, my grand-father, son of Abraham Venable who came from England—Devonshire, who is of a numerous family in England. My mother (Elizabeth Venable) married Josiah Morton. [She was daughter of Abram II and Martha Davis.]

Hugh Lewis came first with his wife and daughter, Abadiah Lewis and lost his wife in America and returned to Britain with Abadiah, his only daughter and both returned again to America, in Virginia, with Robert Davis, who came away without the consent of his parents, and served four years in Virginia, King and Queen, for his passage, and then married Abadiah Davis, with whom he had immigrated.

Dr. Floyd, near the mountains, grandson of Robert Davis (son of) William Floyd, who married a daughter of Robert Davis.

Thomas Anthony married Elizabeth Banks.

Abraham Venable, my great-grand-father from England.

Abraham Venable, my grand-father, settled first in Hanover, and then in Louisa, 6 miles south of the C. House, on the Pamunky River.

John Venable died in his 21st year, without issue. (This John is evidently a brother of the above mentioned Abraham II and son of Abram Venables I. New Kent County. Rent Roll, Parish of St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Anno 1704, records: Abraham Venables 100 A; John Venables 200 A. John Venable, son of Abram Venables II, lived to a good old age and reared a large family. In 1704, Abraham Venables II was only about four years old, as he was born Mar. 22, 1700.

Several of the Davises lived in Rockbridge Co., grand sons of Robert Davis.

All the rest of this record is exactly like that written by Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill."

The descendants who prefer for their heritage the romance of the Indian Princess, Nikitti, will find preferable the account in the *Cabells and their Kin*. We believe that of our own family record is more nearly correct.

Martha Davis, wife of Abraham Venables II, was the daughter of Robert Davis and Abadiah Lewis, daughter of Captain Hugh ap Lewis of Barbadoes and Virginia and Elizabeth, his wife.

Children of Abraham Venables II and Martha Davis, his wife:

1. ABRAHAM B. VENABLE, b. Jan. 9, 1725; d. March 20, 1778 (will dated, March 13, 1778, proved in Prince Edward Co., at the April Court, 1778); mar., 1751, Elizabeth Michaux, b. June 18, 1731, in Goochland Co., Va.; d. 1801, in Prince Edward Co., Va. a daughter



of Jacob Michaux (b. in Holland, 1700) of Cumberland Co., Va., and Judith Woodson (married, 1722), b. 1703 in Henrico Co., Va. This Jacob Michaux was a son of the Huguenot refugees, Abraham Michaux and Susanne (Rochet) Michaux. "Tradition informs us that Abraham B. Venable was a man of broad understanding and enlarged public spirit." Elizabeth Michaux, his wife, is spoken of as "a lady of marked character and vigor of intellect." Rev. Archibald Alexander, D.D., in a journey through southern Virginia in 1791 visited at her house. In his biography by his son, Rev. J. W. Alexander, D.D., on page 125, we find the following mention of her: "The next morning brought us to the Hospitable Mansion of old Mrs. Venable, in the edge of Prince Edward County. She was of the Mischeaux family and a descendant of Huguenots who had settled on James River, a matron of great shrewdness, information, and piety. Her husband had long been dead and her children grown up." Numerous and distinguished issue.

2. HUGH LEWIS VENABLE, mar. Mary Martin, daughter of William Martin of Albermarle Co., Va.

3. CHARLES VENABLE, b. 1730, in Louisa Co., Va.; d. Nov., 1815; mar. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Robert Smith of Port Royal, Va., son of Major Lawrence Smith. (See record in Henning's *Laws of Virginia*, Vol. VI, p. 316, a most interesting document. We regret its length prevents reproduction here). Numerous and distinguished issue.

4. WILLIAM VENABLE, d. Mar. 12, 1792, (will mentioned in *Colonial Virginia, its People and its Customs* by Mary Newton Standard); mar. Anne Clark of Louisa Co., Va., daughter of Isaac Clark.

5. NATHANIEL VENABLE (1733-1804), of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., of whom later.

6. JAMES VENABLE, b. 1734 in Hanover Co., Va., d. 1814, in Shelby Co., Ky. (will dated August 28, 1812, recorded in Shelbyville, Ky.); mar. about 1757, Judith Morton, b. in Charlotte Co., Va., Dec. 27, 1739; d. 1826; Shelby Co., Ky., daughter of Joseph Morton (1709-1782) and Agnes (Woodson) Morton (1711-1802). This Joseph Morton (1709-1782) was a surveyor by profession, a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses for many years, and a man of large estates and great influence. James Venable, above mentioned, was a Justice of the Peace of Charlotte Co., Va. (a much more dignified position at that time than now, 1924) 1769. He was "founder, visitor and trustee of Hampden-Sidney Academy in 1775"; an elder in the Presbyterian Church

for many years both in Virginia and Kentucky. He moved to Kentucky in 1796. Numerous and distinguished issue.

7. CAPTAIN JOHN VENABLE, b. 1740 in Louisa Co., Va., moved to Georgia 1791; d. 1811, in Jackson Co., Ga.; mar. Agnes Moorman, b. Feb. 26, 1743; daughter of Charles Moorman Jr. (b. 1715, mar. 1737, Mary Adams, daughter of Robert and Mourning Adams) of Louisa Co., Va.<sup>1</sup> His will manumitting a part (150) of his slaves: "To my son Thomas,"—"son Robert,"—"son James,"—"Beloved wife, Mary, benefit of negroes during her life, and to be freed at her death," "My daughter, Agnes Venable," "My daughter, Elizabeth Johnston," "My daughter, Mary Taylor," proved Oct. 12, 1778, in Louisa Co., Va. In *Cabells and their Kin* on p. 69, "Charles Moorman and Thomas, his son, from the Isle of Wight in England, settled in 'Green Springs' in the County of Louisa, Va."; and on p. 71, "Charles Moorman, father-in-law of Christopher Johnston and John Venable."

Captain John Venable was prominent during and after the Revolutionary War. He fought in the Battle of Guilford Court House. (See: *Wheeler's History of North Carolina*, p. 165.) As quartermaster and commissary, he served under General Greene. He impressed John Hook's steers, Oct. 10, 1781, was sued by Hook, 1783, defended by Patrick Henry in his famous "Beef Speech," an account of which appears in William Wirt's *Life of Patrick Henry*. See: *Howe's History of Virginia*. Numerous and distinguished issue.

8. ANNE VENABLE, mar. Philip King of Cumberland Co., Va., a Revolutionary soldier. Numerous and distinguished issue.

9. ELIZABETH VENABLE, b. May 22, 1739; d. 1778; mar. 1757, Josiah Morton, [b. March 25, 1738; d. Nov. 28, 1785, son of Agnes Woodson (b. Feb. 27, 1711, in Henrico Co., Va.; d. Mar. 10, 1802; mar., 1730, Joseph Morton (b. 1709; d. June 28, 1782) a surveyor, member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia for many years, a man of large interests and extensive estates]. Her son, William Lewis Morton (b. Jan. 3, 1774; d. 1835; mar. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1798, Elizabeth Morton, his cousin) left us the account of the descendants of Captain Hugh ap Lewis and Robert Davis, referred to elsewhere. Numerous and distinguished issue.

10. MARY VENABLE, b. 1739, in Louisa Co., Va.; d. in Breckinridge Co., Ky.; mar. (1) Charles Moorman, b. 1737; d. before June 11, 1798 (will recorded in Campbell Co., Va., June 11, 1798); son of

<sup>1</sup> See Henning's *Laws of Virginia*, Oct., 1787, Vol. XII, p. 613. Nearly four pages are devoted to this matter.

Achilles Moorman (b. 1700), and his wife, Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Robert and Mourning Adams. Achilles Moorman was a brother of Charles Moorman, Jr., of Louisa Co., Va., who married Mary Adams, sister of Elizabeth Adams, above mentioned. Achilles Moorman and Charles Moorman, Jr., his brother, were sons of Charles Moorman and Elizabeth Reynolds, his wife.

Charles Moorman (1737-1798), above mentioned, was a Quaker, disowned by his sect for taking military training in 1765.

*The Journals of the House of Delegates of Virginia* for the session beginning Monday, the 20th Oct., 1788, on page 10, under date of October 27, 1788, gives, the following:

A petition of Charles Moorman was presented to the House and read, praying that the auditor may be authorized to grant him a duplicate of an audited certificate here-to-fore issued to him for services in the Militia during the late war, the original certificate for the same having been unfortunately destroyed.

This petition was referred to a committee on claims which, on October 29, reported as follows:

Resolved: That it is the opinion of this committee, that the petition of the said Charles Moorman, setting forth that for Military services performed by him to the southward, during the late war, he obtained from the auditors of the public accounts, a certificate for the sum of £449, 12s, 6d, which certificate was destroyed by being washed to pieces in one of his pockets, that to obtain a duplicate thereof, he entered into bond with security at Bedford, March Court 1784, agreeable to the law then in force, but failed to make application at the auditor's office for the same, until the law authorizing the auditor to issue duplicate warrants and certificate was repealed; and praying relief, be rejected.

And the same resolution, being read a second time, was on motion made, ordered to lie on the table.

May 28, 1798, Charles Moorman of Campbell Co., Va., executed twenty-eight separate deeds, giving freedom to twenty-eight negro slaves:

. . . being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind, and that no law, moral or divine, has given me a right to or property in the persons of any of my fellow creatures, and being desirous to fulfill the injunction of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by doing to others as I would be done by, I therefore release . . . etc.

After the death of Charles Moorman in 1798, Mary (Venable) Moorman married (II) Robert Strange. See: Deed Book 2, p. 105, Campbell Co., Va., Apr. 13, 1815: - - - "Mary Strange went security for her son, Achilles V. Moorman, who had contracted to build a court house in Campbell Co."

Mary (Venable) Moorman Strange moved to Breckenridge County, Kentucky, where she lived with her son, Robert Venable Moorman, until her death. She is ancestress of a large and distinguished group of people.

The three brothers: Abram B. Venable (1725-1778) who married Elizabeth Michaux; Charles Venable, who married Elizabeth Smith of Port Royal; and Nathaniel Venable (1733-1804) who married Elizabeth Woodson,—of the seven sons of Abram Venable II (b. 1700; d. 1768), settled in Prince Edward County, Virginia, at an early date. They came from the home of their father in Goochland, afterwards Albemarle and now Fluranna County, Virginia. Their settlement antedated the establishment of the County which was formed out of a portion of Amelia County in the year 1753. Abram and Charles located in what is known as Prospect neighborhood, near the Appomattox River, which separates Prince Edward from Buckingham County. Nathaniel settled near the center of the County and owned the lands on which the old Court House and its surrounding village, now Worsham, stands. Something over a mile in a southwesterly direction from Worsham is the ancient family seat of "Slate Hill" where Nathaniel Venable lived, reared his family, and died.

## CHAPTER IV

### NATHANIEL VENABLE OF "SLATE HILL," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA., AND HIS CHILDREN

NATHANIEL VENABLE of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., b. in Hanover Co., Va., Nov. 1, 1733; d. Dec. 27, 1804, in Prince Edward Co., Va.; mar. Mar. 29, 1755, at "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Elizabeth Woodson (b. June 6, 1740; d. Sept. 27, 1791). She was the daughter of "Baron" Richard Woodson of "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., and his wife, Anne Madeline Michaux, daughter of Abraham Michaux and Susanne Rochet, the Huguenot, refugees.

The "Slate Hill" plantation was an extensive estate of twenty or thirty thousand acres, served by something like a hundred slaves. The house was a simple story and a half affair, the unostentatious dwelling of a pioneer in a new country—for that is what Prince Edward County was when Nathaniel Venable came there to live—though the spacious rooms, lofty ceilings, massive fireplaces, and extensive book-cases gave it an unmistakable charm.

Nathaniel Venable seems to have taken a more active part in public affairs than any of his brothers. In the *Life of Rev. Archibald Alexander, D.D.* by Dr. J. W. Alexander, p. 128, we find the following reference to him:

Three brothers were among the first settlers in Prince Edward. Nathaniel owned the place on which the Court House was built, and was for a long time an Elder in the Church and represented the County in the Legislature. He was also an active trustee of Hampden-Sidney College.

Nathaniel Venable had been a member of the House of Burgesses prior to the Revolution and of the Virginia House of Delegates, 1766, 1769, 1776, and, as indicated in this extract, was a member of the State Senate, 1780-82, after the change of the state government. His name is also honorably mentioned in connection with a petition presented to

the Legislature in 1785 by citizens of Caroline County, Virginia, praying the Legislature to take into consideration the evils of treating the voters at annual elections with intoxicating drink. The petition was dated June 13, 1785, and signed by many leading citizens of Caroline County. It was written by Judge Edmund Pendleton.

"This was the first instance in the history of our country of a proposal to invoke the law for a restriction of the use of intoxicating drinks. Thus it appears that the first Temperance movement may be credited to hospitable, free living old Virginia, and the rollicking sons of the Cavaliers, and not to New England and the Puritans." Bishop Meade in his book, *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, Vol. I, p. 415, edition of 1872, gives this petition in full, and says of it: "The names of the signers are those of the most respected citizens. Members of the committee to whom it was referred in the House were also the most eminent men in Virginia, viz: Messrs. Venable, Mathews, Ellzey, Jennings, Hill, Shields and John Taylor."

We find from Foote's *Sketches of Virginia*, that Nathaniel Venable was one of the leading spirits among the founders and early supporters of Hampden-Sidney College. It may be said that the College had its birth in the library of his house. A special session of Presbytery met at his residence, "Slate Hill," on the first day of February, 1775, for the purpose of taking measures to establish at once an Academy of Learning. A Board of Trustees was elected, consisting of twelve gentlemen, of whom Nathaniel Venable was one. At the same meeting he was appointed on a committee to draw plans for the necessary buildings, and to let out their construction. He was also appointed on a committee to survey and mark out the bounds of a hundred acres of land donated by Peter Johnstone (the grandfather of Gen. J. E. Johnstone), for the purposes of the Academy, and to secure title to the same. At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy, of which there is any record, an order was passed allowing "N. Venable and P. Carrington to build cabins for the use of their boys." A few years after the inauguration of the Academy it encountered great difficulties in consequence of the state of the country resulting from the war, and it was thought for a time that it would have to be discontinued.

The chief difficulty was in procuring provisions for the students and securing some one to attend to its preparation. Nathaniel Venable and James Allen, Sr., came to the rescue, pledged themselves to furnish twelve months' provisions, and contracted with a Mr. Young to act

as Steward and furnish board at twenty pounds per student, per annum.

In 1783, Prince Edward Academy was chartered as a college by the Legislature. Its Board of Trustees consisted of twenty-seven persons. The names of Nathaniel Venable, his brother, James, and his eldest son, Samuel Woodson Venable, are found among the number. In the list we find the names of Patrick Henry, James Madison, Paul Carrington, Francis Watkins, John Morton, John Nash, Thomas Read, and others prominent in state and local history. In speaking of the name adopted for the college, the historian says:

The names of such men as Morton, Venable, Nash, Watkins, Allen, Henry, Carrington, men honored for their patriotism and religion, sound well in conjunction with two patriots of England, Hampden and Sidney, whose names were early and significantly united to indicate the principles that should be taught there and to give it a name. [Foote's *Sketches of Virginia*, p. 399.]

Nathaniel Venable was an earnest patriot, one who contributed his utmost to the cause of the colonies.

When Tarleton and Arnold invaded Virginia, a detachment of their forces passed through Prince Edward on a general plundering expedition. This they could do with impunity as all the able-bodied men were absent in the American Army. They visited "Slate Hill" with the purpose of capturing Nathaniel Venable; but he escaped them, having received timely warning of their approach. They committed some robberies, destroyed some furniture, and one of their number, with a pistol pointed at the breast of Mrs. Venable, demanded that she reveal her husband's whereabouts, or he would shoot her down. Her calm reply was, "Fire away! My husband has his country to defend!" At this instance an officer intervened and ordered away the man who had offered the indignity, severely reprimanding him.

As an evidence of the public spirit of Nathaniel Venable we quote the following:

When the Government was greatly embarrassed on account of the condition of its finances, and Continental money had depreciated until it was denounced as worthless all over the country, and the people were almost in rebellion on that account, he advertised his faith in the Government by proclaiming his readiness to accept Continental money for all of his dues. As good as his word, he received many thousand dollars of it. Among the early recollections of this writer



(Abraham B. Venable of "Scott-Greene") is the memory of his seeing a large quantity of this money in an old chest in the "office" in the yard at "Slate Hill."

William M. Thornton, LL.D., of the University of Virginia, in a Sketch of Charles Scott Venable, published in 1901, makes the following remarks:

Col. Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," a roistering blade in early youth, but always a man of force and later of pious, strenuous life, was merchant, planter, member of the House of Burgesses, and later of the Legislature of Virginia, and was Lieutenant of Prince Edward County. . . .

Educated at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, he was a mathematician of some local renown, witness the clergyman who preached the sermon at his funeral and began the discourse by saying that "his late friend had gone to the land where neither calumny nor praise could reach him; but it was simply due to truth to state that he had been the best mathematician in Prince Edward County." Always, in all things a strenuous, forceful, eager man, an Episcopalian at first, vestry-man of St. Patrick's Parish in Prince Edward County (the vestry book in his own hand writing is now at the Episcopal Seminary at Alexandria, Va.), and bearing on dissenters with a hard hand, forbidding the Presbyterian clergymen to preach in the churches and the like, he became later a Republican, and, an even more zealous Presbyterian; tore down the Episcopal church at Kingsville; raised funds and built a Presbyterian church in Farmville; and as we have seen was the mainstay and founder of the college at Hampden-Sidney.

Elizabeth Woodson, the wife of Nathaniel Venable, is represented by tradition as a lady of unusual vigor of intellect and a most estimable character. As stated heretofore, she was a daughter of Richard Woodson (generally known as "Baron" Woodson), and Anne Madeline Michaux, from the Huguenot stock on James River.

It is through her that all of the descendants of Nathaniel Venable have received a dash of the French Huguenot blood, though many of them have acquired other dashes of it from other sources.

In Bishop Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, Vol. II, p. 31, we find the following account of her mother:

The decline of Episcopacy in that region was no doubt hastened by the causes to which you have adverted, such as the defection of one minister, the character of others, the rise of Hampden-Sidney College;



but the falling off of certain families, whose influence ultimately gave a caste to religious opinion, was prepared long before. Thus, Anne Madeline Michaux, daughter of one of the original refugees, who, having fled from France on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, settled at Manakin, married Richard Woodson, Esq., of "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., sometimes called "Baron Woodson" on account of his large possessions. This lady, to whom I referred in my former letter, lived herself to a great age, but of a numerous offspring only two daughters survived, one of whom was married to Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., son of Abram Venable, whom you have mentioned as one of the vestrymen of a parish in Louisa; the other married Francis Watkins, Esq., clerk of Prince Edward. The tradition of Mrs. Woodson's many virtues is preserved among her numerous descendants to this day. Her strong character and devoted piety appear to have made an indelible impression on such of them as had the happiness to know her. And this it was, I believe, that gave them a respect not only for religion in general, but a bias toward that particular type of Protestantism of which she was so brilliant an ornament.

*Will of Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I Nathaniel Venable of the County of Prince Edward do publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament:—

I give to my Daughter Mary Venable one negro man named John I also confirm to my said daughter Mary the Gift I have already made her of a negro woman named Lucy and her children to her and her Heirs forever, it is also my Will that the sum of One hundred pounds be paid to my said daughter Mary out of my Estate which was promised her by her deceased brother Nathaniel:—

I give to my daughter Mary and my son Thomas the Lands and plantation where I now live together with the following Negroes to wit: Dick commonly called Garden Dick, big Ned, Black Dick Little Ned and a Negro girl named Betty as also the stock of every kind towit, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs &c with all the grain and other kind of crop on the place at my deceased also my riding carriage and household furniture of every kind except two feather beds & furniture which I give to each of my children William Venable and Elizabeth Wilson:—

I give to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson seven hundred pounds current money

I give to my daughter Mary and my son Richard N. Venable each One Hundred pounds Current money:—

It is to be understood that the several sums herein mentioned as

given to my children in money are to be paid out of my part of the debts due to the stores in which I am concerned:—

I give to my son William L. Venable my one fourth part of the Union Mills, with my interest in the negroes, and every other species of property belonging to the said Mills except the profits which may be made to the time of my decease also one negro man called yellow Dick:—

I give to my sons William and Thomas all the rest of my Estate of every kind not before given in this Will, to them and their Heirs forever:—

My two oldest sons Samuel W. Venable & Abraham B. Venable, have already receive— their proportion of my Estate:—

I appoint my son Richard N. Venable Executor of this my last Will and Testament, to which I have set my hand and affixed my seal this Ninth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and three.

in presence of

J. League

James Wood

Hezekiah Jackson.

his

Nathaniel // Venable Sen. (Seal)

mark

At a Court held for Prince Edward county June the 17th 1805 This last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Venable Senior deceased was presented in Court and proved by the Oaths of Joshua League and James Wood two of the Witnesses thereto Ordered that the same be recorded. And at another Court held for the said County February 17th 1806, This last Will and Testament of Nath'l Venable, Sr deceased was again presented in Court and on motion of Richard N. Venable the Executor therein named who with Nathaniel Venable & Benjamin Watkins his Sureties entered into and acknowledged their bond for that purpose in the penalty of Ten thousand pounds and conditioned according to Law and took the Oath required by Law Certificate for obtaining a probat thereof in due form is granted him.

Teste: B. Watkins, D. C.

A copy,

Teste: Horace Adams Clerk.

*Will of Richard Woodson of "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*

I, Richard Woodson, of the Parish of St. Patrick's and County of Prince Edward, being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, in manner following:

Impremis—I lend to my well beloved wife, Ann Woodson, four (4) negroes; viz.; Will, Matt, Diner, Harry, during her natural life.

I also lend unto said wife all my moyable estate, together with the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life.

I give and hequeathe unto my daughter, Elizabeth Venable, one hundred current money.

I give and bequeath all the rest of my estate, both real and personal unto my daughter, Agnes Watkins, wife of Francis Watkins, to her and her heirs forever.

It is my will and desire that after the death of my said wife that the land and plantations with slaves and other estates heretofore lent her during her natural life, I give unto my said daughter Agnes and her heirs forever.

I do nominate and appoint Nathaniel Venable and Francis Watkins executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all other and former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-first day of Sept. in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

Richard Woodson (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the testator in presence of:

Elizabeth Cunningham

Susannah Cunningham

her

Elizabeth (X) Carter

mark

At the Court held for Prince Edward Co., Jan. 1775.

This last will and testament of Richard Woodson, dec'd, was presented in Court and proved by Elizabeth Cunningham and Susannah Cunningham, Witnesses thereto and, on the Motion of Nathaniel Venable and Francis Watkins, the Executors therein named who gave bond and took the oath required by law, certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted them.

Test:—

Fran. Watkins D. C.

A copy—Teste—

E. J. Whitehead, clerk.

*Deed of Abraham Venables II of Louisa Co., Va., to his son Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

This Indenture made the eighth day of December in the Thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c and in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand

Seven Hundred and Fifty six, Between Abraham Venable of the Parish of Frederickville and County of Louisa of the one part and Nathaniel Venable son of the said Abraham Venable of the Parish of Saint Patrick and County of Prince Edward of the other part, WITNESSETH that I the said Abraham Venable out of the Paternal Affection which I have and do bear to my said son Nathaniel Venable above named and for Divers other causes thereto me moving, have given, granted, donated and forever made over and by these presents for the above consideration do fully and absolutely give grant donate and forever make over enfeof and confirm unto the said Nathaniel Venable and his heirs all that Dividend Tract or parcel of land situate lying and being on the south side of Appomattox River and on both sides Harrisess' Creek in Prince Edward County containing by estimation Nine Hundred acres be the same more or less and bounded Thus Viz. Beginning at a Red oak poplar and Beech on the river at the mouth of a small branch called little Harriss' running thence new lines south forty nine degrees west two hundred eighty six poles to three shrubby white oaks North eighty two degrees west three hundred and two poles crossing Harriss' Creek to pointers in the old line above the creek, thence along the same north thirty four degrees east sixteen poles to a red oak thence north thirty two degrees west ninety five poles to a white oak, thence north thirty four degrees east three hundred and ten poles crossing Plumtree branch to pointers, thence north seventy four degrees east eighty poles to a pine thence south sixty two degrees east one hundred and seventy three poles to a pine thence north seventy six degrees east thirty four poles to the upper corner on the river thence down the river as it meanders to the first station, together with all woods underwoods, ways waters and water courses Feedings, Pastures Easments, commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions and remainder and remainders and all and singular the estate right title property claim and demand of me the said Abraham Venable of in or to the premises or any part thereof with the appurtenances To have and to hold the dividend tract or parcel of land and all and singular or *there* the premises hereby given granted donated and made over with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said son Nathaniel Venable his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Nathaniel Venable his heirs and assigns forever and I the said Abraham Venable for myself and my heirs the said dividend tract or parcel of land and premises with the appurtenances unto my said son Nathaniel Venable and his heirs against me the said Abraham Venable my heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by, from or under me them or any of them shall

and will warrant and forever defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof I the said Abraham Venable have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above mentioned.

Signed Delivered

Abra. Venable (SEal)

In Presence of us,

Richard Woodson

Thos. Morton

Joseph Michaux

Parsons Anderson

Memorandum That Livery and Seizen of the lands and appurtenances within mentioned was given to the within Nathaniel Venable by the within named Abraham Venable this eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

Abraham Venable.

Test:

Richard Woodson

Thos. Morton

Joseph Michaux

Parsons Anderson

At a Court held for Prince Edward County the 11th day of January 1757 This Indenture of Feoffment between Abraham Venable of the one part and Nathaniel Venable of the other part and the memorandum of Livery of Seizen endorsed thereon was presented in Court and proved by the Oaths of Richd. Woodson, Thos. Morton & Parsons Anderson three of the witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

John LeNeve C. C.

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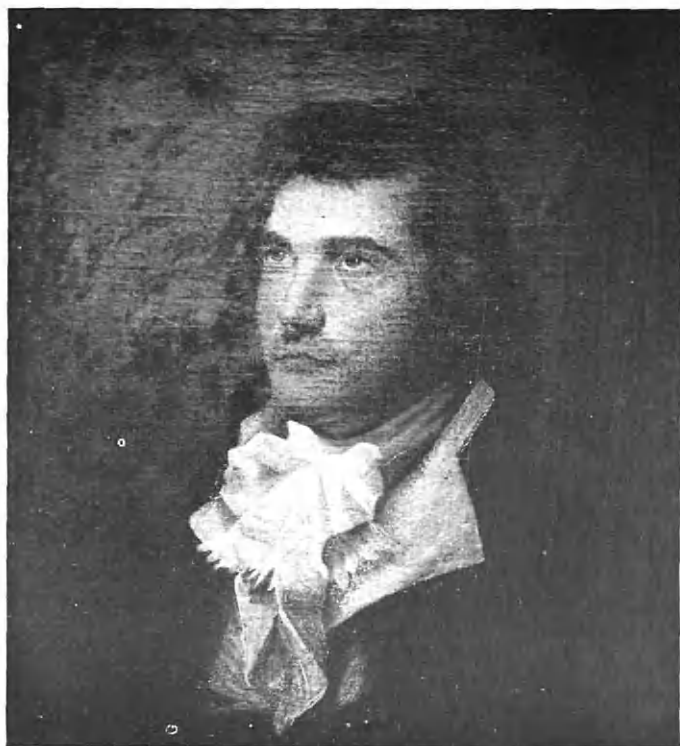
Teste:— Horace Adams Clerk.

*Deed Richard Woodson of "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., to Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill."*

This Indenture Made this Ninth day of September in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty Between Richard Woodson of the County of Prince Edward of the one part and Nathaniel Venable Son-in-law of the said Richard Woodson of the other part Witnesseth that I the said Richard Woodson out of the Paternal Affection which I have and do Bare to my said Son In Law Nathaniel Venable and to my Daughter Elizabeth the above named Nathaniel Venables wife and for Divers other causes thereto me moving have given granted donated and forever made over and by these Presents for the above considerations do fully and absolutely give

grant donate and forever make over enfeof and confirm unto the said Nathaniel Venable and his heirs and assigns all that Dividend Tract or Parcel of land situate lying and being in Prince Edward County on both sides of Bryor River containing by estimation Eight Hundred acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth towitt—Beginning at James Allins corner poplar on the north side of the said river thence west thirty six degrees north one hundred and nine poles to his corner Double Shrub white oak by the path thence west fifteen degrees south forty four poles to corner on James Browns line thence west fifteen degrees south nine poles to a corner shrub white oak thence north twenty degrees west two hundred and sixteen poles to a corner shrub white oak thence north seventeen degrees east ninety poles to a corner small shrub white oak thence east nine degrees south one hundred and fifty poles to a corner small red oak thence south forty four degrees east one hundred and thirty two poles to a corner pine thence east six degrees south twenty five poles to a corner pine thence east thirty four degrees north to Andersons line thence along his line crossing the river to a corner in my line thence south to a corner small pine and white oak thence south twenty three degrees west thirty seven poles to a corner pine thence west six degrees south two hundred and twenty five poles to a corner small red oak thence west thirty seven degrees south eighty eight poles to a corner pine thence north twenty four degrees west fifty three poles to a corner beach on the river, thence up the river as it meanders to the beginning. Together with all woods ways waters and water courses feeding pastures easements commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appurtenant and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders and all and singular the estate right title property claim and demand of me the said Richard Woodson of in or to the premises or any part thereof with the appurtenances

To have and to hold the said dividend tract or parcel of land and all and singular *other* the premises hereby given granted donated and made over with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said Son in Law Nathaniel Venable his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Nathaniel Venable his heirs and assigns and I the said Richard Woodson for my self and my heirs the said dividend tract or parcel of land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Nathaniel Venable and his heirs against me the said Richard Woodson my heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under me them or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.



ABRAM BEDFORD VENABLE  
(1758-1811) Portrait  
Miniature

In witness whereof I the said Richard Woodson have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above mentioned.

Scaled and delivered  
in presence of us.

Richard Woodson (Seal)

Memorandum that Livery and Seizen of the land and appurtenances within mentioned given to the within named Nathaniel Venable by the within named Richard Woodson this ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty

Test: Richard Woodson (Seal)

At a Court held for Prince Edward County the 9th day of Sept. 1760 Richard Woodson presented & acknowledged the within deed & mem. to Nathaniel Venable which was ordered to be recorded.

John LeNeve C.

A copy,

Teste:— Horace Adams Clerk.

Children of Nathaniel Venable and Elizabeth (Woodson) Venable, his wife:

1. SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE (1756-1821) *of whom later.*

2. ABRAHAM BEDFORD VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 20, 1758; d. burned in the Richmond Theater disaster, Dec. 26, 1811. His name is conspicuously on the roll of the victims at the entrance of the Memorial Church, erected on the spot where the theater stood. He studied at Hampden-Sidney Academy; A.B. Princeton, 1780. He was a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, March 4, 1791; March 3, 1799; the United States Senate, Dec. 7, 1803-'04; June 7, 1804, he was appointed by Washington to found the first bank of Virginia, of which he became first president. He was a lawyer of ability and a trustee of Hampden-Sidney College from 1790 to his death. He never married.

3. BETSY ANNE VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 11, 1760; d. 1826; mar. Capt. Thomas Watkins (d. 1797), brother-in-law of Gov. Pope of Kentucky, and son of Henry Watkins and Temperance Hughes. "Capt. Thomas Watkins was a man of more educational advantages than the sons of the usual planter, though the Revolutionary War interfered with his college career." He served in the Revolutionary Army under General Greene and was distinguished for bravery on the field of Guilford Court House, 1781. Col. Washington wrote Captain Watkins a personal letter—still in the hands of members of the family—commending the bravery of the company



and of its commander. (It was in this company that Betsy Anne Venable's brother, Samuel Woodson Venable, served.) Numerous and distinguished descendants.

4. RICHARD N. VENABLE, b. Jan. 16, 1763, at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. 1838, supposedly of heart failure, as he was found near his home, "Slate Hill," face buried in a shallow stream, two inches deep. A. B. Princeton University, 1782. (When he graduated, he wore a crimson broadcloth coat, blue knee breeches, and a buff waistcoat, trimmed with oblong silver buttons which he had had made from twenty-five cent pieces.) He studied law at William and Mary College.

He was a public spirited man, interested in agricultural improvements, canals, railroads, education and politics. Hampden-Sidney owes much to Richard N. Venable. It would be impossible to say how much. The old system, or custom, with many of our colleges was to have little or no endowment, dependence being placed upon fees from students to pay the teachers, and contributions from trustees and other possible friends to maintain the plant. There has been no history of such contributors. Granted the premise, it is impossible to say with exactness, who paid the bills of Hampden-Sidney College during its first fifty years. It is a safe guess that Richard N. Venable, his father and his brothers paid a good many of the bills outstanding on the part of the College from 1776-1838, the year of the death of R. N. Venable.<sup>1</sup>

He was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, member of the State Senate and the convention of 1829. He was a trustee of Hampden-Sidney College from 1792 to 1839.

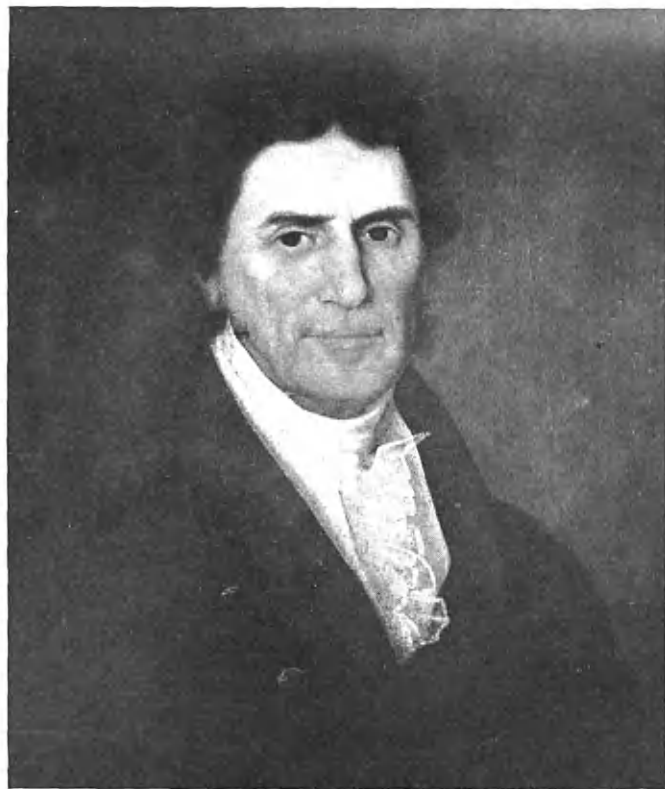
He married, March 5, 1797, Mary Morton, b. in Charlotte Co., Va., 1779, daughter of Col. William Morton (1743-1820), a distinguished Revolutionary soldier, son of Joseph Morton (1709-1782), a member of the House of Burgesses, and a man of great influence in Charlotte Co., Va. Numerous and distinguished descendants.

5. MARTHA VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., May 18, 1765; d. unmarried, 1858.

6. ANNE VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 6, 1767; d. 1768.

7. ANNE VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Dec. 9, 1768; mar. about 1795, James Daniel, b. 1762; d. 1841, of "Tranquillity," Granville Co., N. C., a student at Hampden-Sidney, 1776-

<sup>1</sup>From *Dictionary of Biography*, College of Hampden-Sidney.



RICHARD N. VENABLE  
(1763-1838)



MARY (MORTON) VENABLE  
(b. 1779)

1783; a trustee of the Union Theological Seminary there. Numerous and distinguished descendants.

8. AGNES VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., April 15, 1771; d. May 17, 1802.

9. NATHANIEL E. VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Feb. 13, 1776; d. Aug. 23, 1801. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1794; M.A. Princeton, 1796; studied law, at William and Mary College. He never married.

10. MARY VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Jan. 16, 1773; d. 1807, unmarried.

11. FRANCES VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Apr. 18, 1778; d. 1799, of tuberculosis at Sunrise Tavern, N. C., where she had gone for her health. She never married.

12. WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Mar. 30, 1780; d. before 1824 at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va., *of whom later*.

13. THOMAS VENABLE, M.D., b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 17, 1782; d. 1809; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1803; M.D. University of Pennsylvania. He died unmarried.

14. ELIZABETH VENABLE, b. at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 21, 1784; d. about 1845; mar. Goodridge Wilson, M.D., d. about 1845, son of Col. Benjamin Wilson and Ann (Seay) Wilson of Cumberland Co., Va. Dr. Goodridge Wilson, M.D., University of Pennsylvania 1797, was a distinguished physician in his day, known widely in all that section. He moved with his entire family, late in life, to Kanawa County, West Virginia. Numerous and distinguished descendants.



## PART II

*Samuel Woodson Venable of "Springfield" and  
His Descendants*



SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE  
(1756-1821) of "Springfield"

## CHAPTER I

SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE, OF "SPRINGFIELD,"

PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.

SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE of "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., eldest son of Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill" and Elizabeth (Woodson) Venable, his wife, was born at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., Sept. 19, 1756; d. at Sweet Springs, Va., Sept. 7, 1821; mar., Aug. 15, 1871, at "Mulberry Hill," Charlotte Co., Va., Mary S. Carrington (b. Nov. 14, 1756, at "Mulberry Hill," Charlotte Co., Va.; d. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., before May 15, 1837), daughter of Judge Paul Carrington, Sr., of "Mulberry Hill" and Margaret (Read) Carrington, his wife.

Samuel Woodson Venable was a man of unusual culture and educational advantages. He graduated first from Hampden-Sidney and later, 1780, at Nassau Hall or Princeton, where he was an honor man, delivering the valedictory in Latin, as was usual. His brothers, Abram, Richard, and Nathaniel graduated there later; William and Thomas were alumni of Hampden-Sidney. He was a Trustee of Hampden-Sidney College from 1782 until his death and always its faithful supporter.

His Revolutionary record is creditable. In 1776, the students of Prince Edward Academy, of whom he was one, organized themselves into a military company and elected one of their tutors, Rev. John Blair Smith, their captain. Samuel W. Venable was ensign. In Sept., 1777, this company of school boys marched to Williamsburg to help defend it against an anticipated invasion by the British. After the danger was passed, Governor Henry complimented the company and dismissed it. On the call of General Greene for troops, when he was retreating from the South toward Virginia, before Cornwallis, a company of dragoons, Prince Edward Dragoons, commanded by Captain Thomas Watkins, repaired to his camp. Samuel Woodson Venable was cornet (equivalent to Lieutenant) of this company and participated in the battle of Guilford Court House, March, 1781, at which the "Queens Guards" was defeated. He also served as aide on General Greene's staff. Cap-

tain Watkins' company served in General Lawson's Brigade under Colonel Washington. After the action at Guilford, Colonel Washington wrote a letter to Captain Watkins, in which the bravery and skill of the Prince Edward troop and their commander were highly extolled and commended. (See: *Recollections of Henry W. Allen* by Sarah A. Dorsey, Book I, p. 19.)

To this outline we will add a few extracts which will serve to indicate the manner of man he was; "the extent of his influence, and the position he held in the esteem of good men."

In the *Life of Dr. Archibald Alexander*, pp. 128-130, we have the following mention of him:

During this brief visit, Dr. Alexander became acquainted with Col. Samuel Woodson Venable, a man of great distinction, whom he used to name in connection with Graham, Hoge, and Samuel Stanhope Smith, the counsellors of his youth. His notes concerning this valuable friend have a great interest, and cannot be inserted in a more suitable place.

"Samuel Venable intended to study law, but was led by some circumstances to engage in merchandise. (Heavy losses of his father by the Revolutionary War and Continental money, and his generous acceptance of the duty of assisting his younger brothers and sisters to get an education.) He was a man of clear head and sound judgement, and had made observations on the character of men as they passed before him, and these he had reduced to maxims." During the whole of his life, Dr. Alexander was accustomed to speak of Col. Venable as one of the most remarkable instances of wisdom matured by experience and observation, that he had ever known, in which respect he was fond of comparing him with Franklin.

From Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, edition of 1872, Vol. II, p. 32.

The leading mind in that whole region, whether among the clergy or laity, was that of Colonel Samuel W. Venable (eldest son of Colonel Nathaniel Venable above mentioned), of whom you will find some notice in the memoir of Dr. Alexander, of Princeton. Two of his brothers, Abraham and Richard, were known as public characters, while he remained in private life; but they always veiled their pretensions in his presence, partly from affection, but more from deference to the ascendant intellect and acknowledged wisdom of their elder brother, which impressed all who approached him. His early life, it is believed, was unstained as to morality; but, although an alumnus of Princeton, it was not until after the Revolution that he gave in





MARY (CARRINGTON) VENABLE  
(1756-1837) of "Springfield"

his adhesion to the religion of his mother and grandmother, which had now also become that of his wife. He had fought bravely in the war, and was a decided Republican in his political sentiments. Would it be too much to suppose that his settled hostility to the spirit of the English Government had somewhat jaundiced his view of the Constitution of the Church? Colonel V. was eminently a practical man, a stern patriot and friend of all improvement. Now, the bitter waters of infidelity, which had begun to appear in other parts of the State, were not unknown there, and on the outbreak of the French Revolution society in Virginia was menaced as it were with a deluge of false philosophy and its train of evils. It was to stem this tide that he and those who co-operated with him set themselves. It was not for a party that he contended, but for the substance of Christianity itself, which he believed to be in peril. As this was essential to the very existence of free society, all other questions were regarded as secondary. His numerous engagements did not permit him to enter deeply into any scriptural investigation of the relative claims of the different forms of Church Government; and had it been otherwise, there were few to aid or sympathize with him.

Mary S. Carrington, wife of Colonel Samuel Woodson Venable, was a daughter of Judge Paul Carrington, Sr., and sister of Judge Paul Carrington, Jr.; of Colonel Carrington; of Anne Carrington, wife of Colonel William Cabell, Jr., of "Union Hill;" and of General George Carrington. Dr. Alexander describes her as:

A woman of uncommon vivacity, wit and power of sarcasm. She added to these gifts great practical judgement which she displayed in the management of her household, and the rearing of her large family,—and all was crowned and chastened by earnest piety. In powers of conversation she is said to have had few equals. Her company was always enjoyed on account of her bright wit and amusing criticisms on men, and passing events. She frequently visited the Virginia Springs where she was usually surrounded by groups of young people entertained by her conversation. Her fame was so great that she was often referred as "John Randolph in petticoats."

"Springfield," the plantation home of Samuel Woodson Venable and his wife, Mary, was burned many years ago, and the garden and every trace of culture eliminated,—even the quaint picture of the place done in tapestry by the patient fingers of their gifted daughter, Henningham, has been burned. No one now living remembers anything much about it. But in the inventory of part of the estate, preserved in the Court

House records, in Prince Edward Co., Va., we find, among other interesting items, sixty-one slaves, valued at \$13,445—and we must remember that at the marriage of each of his twelve children, he gave them an ample dower in slaves and land.

*Will of Samuel Woodson Venable of "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I, Samuel W. Venable, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament.

In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

It is my will and desire that all the debts due to me on any account be collected as well those due on my private books as those which fall to me on the dissolution and settlement of the business now carried on at Union Mills under the firm of Venable & Co. in which my son Nathaniel and myself are partners the terms of the partnership will be seen in our agreement now in my possession. It is my desire also that my executors dispose of the goods and property which belongs to me in that concern as soon as circumstances and the interest of my estate will permit.

It is my will and desire that the money which shall arise from my stock in trade, crops on hand, cash in hand, debts due in any way, or from bank stock or stock of any kind which I may possess at my decease and which I may hereafter direct to be sold, shall constitute a fund for the payment of my debts and legacies in the first place and then for such other purposes as I shall hereafter direct.

It is my will that so much of my personal and perishable estate as my executors and my beloved wife shall think the family can conveniently spare shall be sold also a negro woman Sall now living at my plantation in Halifax, also some Georgia certificates which I hold and the proceeds to be applied as I have above directed.

I wish my executors to sell the negro woman Sall to a humane master and if possible to such as she will choose to go to and therefore the mode of sale and price is entirely left to their discretion.

It is my will and desire that my son Abraham W. Venable be supported from my estate until he shall have studied his profession and at least one year after he comes of age. I wish also the expense necessary to finish the education of my daughter Mildred in such way as my beloved wife and my executors may judge best and also the expense necessary for her support till she marries or comes of age to be paid out of my estate.

I have directed that my son Abraham W. Venable and my daughter

Mildred C. Venable should be supported out of my estate until a certain period when funds come into the hands of my executors over and above what may be necessary to pay my debts and legacies. It is my desire that they appropriate a full and sufficient fund to answer this purpose and pay any other moneys which I may hereafter direct to be paid out of my estate and this sum so appropriated they may put out to interest upon landed or other undoubted security and it is my will that the interest so long as it is sufficient and then so much of the principal as may be necessary shall be applied for the purposes above mentioned.

When monies or funds belonging to my estate over and above what may be necessary for the last mentioned appropriation shall come into the hands of my executors— It is my will and desire that they from time to time as such funds accumulate so as to make them in their judgment an object to distribute do distribute the same among those children to whom I shall leave the residue of my estate and so continue to do from time to time untill my daughter Mildred shall marry or become of age when I will and desire that the general distribution of my estate shall take place.

If I should leave any negroes undisposed of I will that my executors hire them out untill the general distribution of my estate and consider their hire as belonging to the fund for supporting my daughter Mildred untill she becomes of age or marry which I have mentioned above.

Now I give and bequeath in the following manner my estate real and personal—.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural life the land and plantation whereon I now live except a small part which I shall hereafter dispose of, also the following negroes to-wit Jack, Patty, Abram, Molly and Jenny and their children now born or to be born hereafter except such as are hereafter disposed of in this will old Dick, Barbara and her son, William, Judy, Congo these are also given to her during her natural life. I give her absolutely and at her own disposal four horses such as she shall choose out of my stock of horses twenty cattle as many of the sheep and hogs as she may wish to have all of her choice—likewise as many of the plantation tools and household and kitchen furniture as she may think necessary our riding carriage and harness as much forage and provisions as will at least last a year if so much is on hand. I give her also twenty bank shares such as I may possess or the value thereof in money if I should not possess so many at the time of my decease these last are given to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth W. Watkins wife of William Watkins one undivided half of my tract of land on Difficult

creek having a mill on the same which said tract of land in the whole will contain about eight hundred acres after taking off a . . . part adjoining the land bought by me of William Boyd which said land I have willed to my daughter Mary C. Womack. Also George a negro boy the son of Patty and Jack and one undivided third part of my lot in Richmond received by inheritance of my brother Abraham B. Venable and four hundred pounds in money all of which is given to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy R. Cabell the proceeds of the following lands which I desire my executors to sell for her use to-wit, one tract in Kentucky lying on the Chaplain fork of Salt River and containing five hundred acres one other tract lying in Monroe County near the Red Sulphur Spring and containing five hundred and seventy acres one young negro man named Oliver and two hundred pounds in money all of which I give to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Mayo Read my tract of land lying near the college of Hampden-Sidney and adjoining the lands of my brother Richard and containing about three hundred and seventeen acres. Also Adam a negro boy received from the estate of Colo. Read and two hundred and fifty pounds in money all of which I give to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary C. Womack my tract of land in Halifax County which I bought of William Boyd commonly called Cannons Tract containing about three hundred and eighty acres also fifty acres adjoining the same which I reserved of the tract bought of Scott and others when I gave my son Paul his tract of land also fifty acres more lying adjoining to it belonging to the tract bought of the heirs of Charles Edwards to be laid off by my executors in the manner most suitable to both tracts—that is to say the tract now given to my daughter Mary C. Womack and the balance of the tract bought of Edwards' heirs now given to my daughters Elisabeth W. Watkins and Agness W. Watkins. I give her also Sam called waggoner Sam also Griffin, Lucy and their child and future increase also two hundred and fifty pounds in money all of which I give to her and her heirs forever with this exception nevertheless that if my son Abraham W. Venable needs a settlement on account of his mother possessing the tract of land left him he shall have the use of the tract of land given to my daughter Mary C. Womack untill his mother's death at which time he shall possess the tract of land left him and my daughter Mary C. Womack shall possess the tract of land left her.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Clementina Reid wife of William S. Reid that part of my tract of land lately bought of Blake B. Woodson which said Woodson bought of William Jones containing

about three hundred and nineteen acres also twenty acres of wood land to be taken from the other part of the tract bought of Blake B. Woodson and lying most convenient to the Jones' Tract also Amos a lad the son of Barbary and Jesse the oldest son of Molly and Abraham and two hundred pounds in money all of which is given to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Henningham C. Anderson the wife of Robert Anderson the tract of land bought by me of John P. Metauer at two purchases and commonly called Providence except twenty acres joining and most convenient to the tract of land on which I now live and which I intend for my son Abraham at his mother's decease. This land my executors shall lay off according to the directions here given as they shall judge most suitable for Abraham's tract. I give her also forty acres of land to be laid off from the tract on which I live one half on each side of the river to serve as a supply of wood and timber to her tract and to be laid off as conveniently for Abraham's tract as circumstances will permit. This land also I wish my executors to lay off as they judge best according to my directions here given. I give to her besides the negroes now in her possession a negro man called Cooper Joe and Henry the son of Patty who now lives in Halifax also two hundred and fifty pounds in money all of which I give to her and her heirs forever. I give her also Lewis at her mother's death to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes W. Watkins wife of Henry E. Watkins one undivided half of my tract of land and mill on Difficult creek the other half of which I have given to my daughter Elisabeth W. Watkins being the tract bought of the heirs of Charles Edwards and heretofore described. I give her also one undivided third part of my lot in Richmond inherited of my brother Abraham B. Venable. I give her also a young man Sam Cook and two hundred and fifty pounds in money. All of which I give to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mildred C. Venable all that part of the tract of land which I lately bought of Blake B. Woodson which I have not willed to my daughter Clementina Reid containing about four hundred acres with the buildings etc. I give her also the following negroes to-wit Harry bought of Andrew Johnson's estate Finnetta daughter of Patty and any increase she may have before my decease Sally or Sarah daughter of Polly and her increase Betsy daughter of Molly and Abram Billy a cooper at the mill and William at her mother's decease. Also the sum of four hundred pounds all of which I give to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel E. Venable one undivided

half of my interest or estate in the mills called Union Mills and of the lot of land on which the same stands containing by estimation about sixty acres in which my brother holds an interest with me he owning one fourth of said land and mill. I give him also two negroes Robin and Letty now in his possession. I give him also Charles wishing him however not to separate him from his wife and children. I wish him to have possession of the mill at the end of the year whenever my decease shall happen. All these I give to him and his heirs forever.

I have already given my son Paul C. Venable by deed a tract land which I intended for him. I have also given him the following negroes which are now in his possession viz: David, Len, Peter, Biddy and her child and future increase. I give him also the tract of land bought of George Salmon by me through his attorney Isaac Medley containing about one hundred and twenty nine acres 44 acres however subject to some uncertainty. All these I give to him and his heirs forever.

I give unto my son Samuel W. Venable, Jr. one undivided half of my interest or estate in the mills now called Union Mills and of the lot of land on which it stands containing about sixty acres on which the said mill stands which said lot and mill is now owned by me and my brother William. I give him also two small tracts of land near or adjoining the mill lot one bought by me of Charles F. Nash and the other of my brother Abraham B. Venable the first containing about ninety six acres the second about fifty acres for which however I have given him a deed, also a small piece of land adjoining the same bought of Colo. Charles Allen or Edward Reaford, I give him also two hundred and ninety seven acres of land or about that quantity bought of James Daniel being the same land that fell to his children as the distributees of the estate of Abraham B. Venable deceased and for two undivided sixths of which I have given him a title by deed, for the remainder I have not as yet got a legal title but I have a mortgage on James Daniel's land to secure the title. If the title to said land should not be made to me complete in my life time it is my will that the title be made to my son Samuel W. Venable and I will and bequeath to him my right or claim to the land of James Daniel to secure him in case of failure. I give him also the following negroes to-wit Hannah and her children now in his possession Ephriam, Alleck or Alexander and Isac. I have given him Billy and Peter two negro men bought of Miller's Estate. All of which I give to him and his heirs forever. I give him also Ben a cooper at the mill to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Abraham W. Venable the tract of land on which I now live at his mother's decease except about forty



acres which I have directed my executors to lay off in wood land adjoining the Providence Tract which I have willed to my daughter Henningham. I give him also twenty acres of land which I have directed my executors to lay off from the Providence Tract for him. I give him also the following negroes to-wit Harry Patty's son and Mary his wife and their present and future increase John and Frank son of Judy and Andrew all of which I give to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife over and above what I have given her old Aggy, Lewis, son of Patty and Hampton a lad during her natural life.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Mayo Read over and above what I have given her one undivided third of a lot in Richmond which I inherited from my brother Abraham B. Venable.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy R. Cabell over and above what I have given her my lot in Farmville to her and her heirs forever.

It is my will that my old men Caesar and Warwick live where they choose among the family and be supported out of my estate. If any of my family choose to take them I authorize my executors to make a contract and pay such member of my family at once from my estate what may be deemed a reasonable compensation for their support.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mildred C. Venable over and above what I have given her two negro men Douglas and shop Dick to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Samuel W. Venable over and above what I have given him one negro man cooper Peter to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Abraham W. Venable after the decease of his mother a negro boy Hampton to him and his heirs forever.

It is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate real and personal be equally divided between *between* my eight daughters and youngest son. When my three eldest sons receive their legacies they will all things considered be about as well provided for as the other children of the family. When my beloved wife shall decease that which I have given her for life shall belong to this residue. It is my will that the division of the residue of my estate take place when my daughter Mildred marries or comes of age. I give to each of my children above mentioned viz my eight daughters and youngest son their share of the residue to them and their heirs forever.

I appoint my sons Nathaniel E. Venable, Samuel W. Venable, Abraham W. Venable and Isaac Read my son in law executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set



my hand and seal the 26th. day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Interlined before signing.

Samuel W. Venable (Seal)

Witness

Temple D. Richardson.

Nath. I. Venable.

Andrew Bigger.

William D. Epes.

Richd. N. Venable.

Margaret M. Reid.

I have given to my beloved wife during her natural life by this will Molly and Janney two negro women and such of their children now born or hereafter to be born if not by will I disposed of otherwise it is my will that my beloved wife either in her life or at her decease as she shall choose, shall have the right of giving the said negro women and children in any way she chooses so that they are given to some of our children. This alteration I make this 8th. day of August 1820 as witness my hand and seal on that day and date.

Samuel W. Venable (Seal)

Richd. N. Venable.

Margaret M. Reid.

Temple D. Richardson.

At a court held for Prince Edward County September the 17th. 1821, This last will and testament of Samuel W. Venable Dec'd, was presented in court and proved by the oaths of Temple D. Richardson, Nathaniel I. Venable and Richard N. Venable three witnesses thereto, and the codicil to said will was also proved by the oaths of Temple D. Richardson and Richard N. Venable two witnesses thereto, ordered that the said will and codicil be recorded: on the motion of Nathaniel E. Venable and Abraham W. Venable two of the executors therein named, they with Samuel W. Venable, Jr. William S. Reid and Isaac Read their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond for the purpose in the penalty of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law and took the oath required by law, certificate for obtaining a probat thereof in due form is granted them.

Teste

B. J. Worsham, D. C.

A copy,

Teste:—

Horace Adams Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince Edward County, Virginia.

*Will of Mary S. (Carrington) Venable of "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I Mary S. Venable do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,

Item 1st. I desire that all my just debts be paid, out of any money that may belong to my estate.

2d. I give to each of my children or their representatives the sum of Fifty pounds, being the amount of money formerly advanced me by them—to them and their heirs forever.

3d. I give to my daughter Elizabeth W. Watkins, & her heirs forever the sum of Five hundred Dollars, and my picture called "The last Supper."

4th. I give to my daughter Margaret R. Cabell my new carriage, the miniature likeness of my husband, and the Vols. of the "Domestic Encyclopedia"—to her & her heirs forever.

5th. I give to my daughter Ann M. Read one-third part of my household and kitchen furniture, not specifically bequeathed, to her & her heirs forever.

6th. I give to my daughter Clementina Reid and her heirs forever, a negro girl "Patsy" and her increase (the girl being now in her possession)—all my stock in the "Appomattox Company" and one-third part of my household & kitchen furniture not specially bequeathed in this will.

7th. I give to my daughter Henningham C. Anderson & her heirs forever, my negro woman "Jenny"—her child "Katey"—a negro girl "Milly" & their increase,—Also, my loom, warping bars &c—one bed, bedstead & bed furniture: I also release to my said daughter Henningham, the amount of her bond executed to me and all interest &c on the same:—The bond is I believe for \$1267.50, and was given for money advanced by me for the purchase of land (adjoining her land) of Col. Morton.

8th. I give to my daughter Mary C. Womack & her heirs forever a negro woman "Joanna," (daughter of Jenny)—her child "Jenney" & their increase: also a negro boy "Scipio" and a negro boy "Billy" son of Abram & Molly, also my mothers "Family Bible." Also one-third part of my household and kitchen furniture, not otherwise specially devised in this bill.

9th. I give to my son Nathaniel E. Venable & his heirs forever, his Fathers Desk and Book-case.

10th. I give to my son Paul C. Venable & his heirs forever, my dressing table or Bureau with glass-knobs in the chamber.

11th. I give to my daughter Agnes W. Watkins & her heirs forever, a negro man "Armstead."

12th. I give to my son Samuel W. Venable & his heirs forever, my other Book-case and drawers.

13th. I give to my son Abram W. Venable one bed- bedstead & bed furniture—my dressing table—and a corner table in the parlor purchased of the estate of his uncle Abram B. Venable, dec'd,—to him & his heirs forever.

14th. I give to my daughter Mildred C. Shepperson, the following property, (subject however to the Trusts, provisions restricting &c herein after mentioned), to-wit: A negro woman, "Katey"—her grand-son "Billey" (negros whom I purchased of Margaret R. Cabelle) a negro woman "Polly"—her daughter "Nancy" and their increase; also, the miniature likeness of myself—and one of the parlor tables. It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that the portion of my estate which I have herein devised to my said daughter Mildred C. Shepperson, and every part & parcel thereof shall be vested in and held by Nathaniel E. Venable and Samuel W. Venable—or the survivor of them, upon the following Trust; that is to say; That they shall hold the said portion for the use and benefit of my said daughter Mildred and her children, and shall vest, lay out, and expend, the profits, proceeds, interests, hires &c arising from the same, in such manner as to them shall seem most advisable, for the use, benefit, enjoyment &c of my said daughter Mildred & her children, during her natural life; and at her death, I direct that the said portion of property herein devised to my said daughter Mildred shall be equally divided and secured to my said daughters children then living & the children of such as may be dead (if any such there be) these last taking their parents portion. I hereby give the Trustees aforesaid entire control over the said property and for the purposes and trust aforesaid:—I also give them power to sell all or any portion thereof; and vest the proceeds of such sale in other property or interest to be held by them upon the like Trust. If my daughter Mildred should die without children living at her death, or their children, then, I will that her husband Charles Shepperson shall hold the same in fee-simple if he be living, and if he be dead, then It is my wish that the portion aforesaid be equally divided among my living children or the heirs of such as may be dead. No part or parcel of the property aforesaid is to be subject to the debts contracts &c of my said daughter Mildred's husband. Should the Trustees herein named from any cause fail to act I desire that the Court of this County may appoint some fit & proper person or persons Trustees, as aforesaid.

15th. I give my grand daughter Mary Louisa Comfort a miniature likeness of my uncle Thos. Read.

16th. I give to my grand-son Francis N. Watkins my writing desk,

17th. I give to my grand-daughter Mary (daughter of Paul C. Venable) my mothers dressing table.

18th. I desire Twelve plain-neat-mourning rings to be purchased by my Exors and my husband's & my own hair to be inserted in them & to be presented to each of my daughters, daughters-in-law & my son Samuel.

19th. I wish my pictures (not specifically devised) to be equally divided among my daughters, and the Portraits to be returned to those to whom they belong. I wish my books (not devised specially) to be also divided among my daughters,

20th. I wish "Saunders" to be sold. I particularly desire my Exors. to sell him conveniently to his wife, and I give them full discretion as to the manner, time, place &c in selling him, desiring them to keep in view the object I have in selling him—that is, convenient to his wife.

21st. All the residue of my estate, I desire to be sold.

22d. After the payment of my debts, the pecuniary legacies &c, I give the Residium if any to my daughters Mary C. Womack, Ann M. Read, and Clementina Reid and their heirs forever, to be equally divided among them.

23d. After my debts have been paid, and also the pecuniary legacies herein mentioned, I wish my Exors. to appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars from my estate to the purchase of some suitable portion of the public burying ground at the "College Church" or adjacent thereto, and to cause the same to be enclosed with a suitable wall &c, to be used as a Family burying ground. And I desire that my descendants may make up a sufficient sum for the purpose, should \$200 be insufficient.

24th. I desire to be buried in the said burying Ground, and a neat plain Tomb-stone to be placed over my grave: and I particularly desire & request that if no stone shall be placed over my Husband's grave during my life, that my Exors, should cause a suitable one to be raised over him, & pay for the same out of my Estate.

25th. I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Nathaniel E. Venable and Samuel W. Venable Executors to this my last will & testament; and I do hereby revoke all other wills & codicils made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of February 1837.

Witness:

Mary S. Venable (Seal)

Francis N. Watkins

John J. Brightwell

J. W. Womack.

At a Court held for Prince Edward County May the 15th 1837. This last will and testament of Mary S. Venable, dec'd was presented in Court & Francis N. Watkins a legatee therein, relinquishes any and all interest herein bequeathed to him, and the said will was proved by the oaths of said Francis N. Watkins and John J. Brightwell two witnesses thereto, ordered that the same be recorded.

On motion of Nanthaniel E. Venable and Samuel W. Venable Executors herein named, they with Clement R. Read their security entered into and acknowledged their bond for the purpose in the penalty of Twenty thousand dollars, condition according to law, and took the oath required by law, Certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted them.

Teste: B. J. Worsham, C. C.

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Teste

Horace Adams Clerk

*Division of the estate of Col. Thomas Reade of "Ingleside," Charlotte Co., Va., Nov., 1817.*

Pleas before the worshipful Justices of the County Court of Charlotte at the Court house thereof on the — day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Between

John Johns and Nancy, his wife, formerly Mary Bedford; James Rucker and Lucy, his wife, formerly Lucy Bedford; Robert Bedford, Jr.; Clement R. Bedford, and Francis Bedford, which said Francis is an infant, and sues by Stephen Bedford, her next friend; Edward Carrington; Walter C. Carrington; William Carrington; Paul S. Carrington; Isaac C. Carrington, which said William, Paul S. and Isaac C. Carrington, are infants and sue by the said Walter C. Carrington, their next friend; Charles D. Fountain and Ann, his wife, formerly Ann Carrington; Isaac Coles and Mildred L. Coles, his wife, formerly Mildred L. Carrington; Paul Carrington, son of George; George Carrington; Henry Carrington; Clement Carrington; John Carrington; Tucker Carrington; Edward Carrington; William Carrington; Emily Carrington; which said, John, Tucker, Edward, William and Emily are infants and sue by Paul Carrington, their next friend; George Scott, and Mary Scott, who are infants and sue by Joseph Scott, their father, Guardian and next friend; Mary Elliott, William H. Elliott, Edmund Elliott, Clement J. Elliott, Margaret Elliott, Julia Ann



JUDGE PAUL CARRINGTON, JR.  
(1764-1816)



COL. THOMAS READE  
(1742-1817)



HANNAH (CARRINGTON) CABELL  
(1751-1817)

Elliott, George M. Elliott, Priscilla S. Elliott, and John Elliott, which said Edmund, Clement J., Margaret, Julia Ann, George M. and John Elliott and Priscilla S. Elliott are infants, and sue by William H. Elliott, their next friend; William J. Morris; John Morris, Jr.; Henry Morris; John Hill and Eliza his wife, formerly Eliza Morris, which said Henry and John are infants and sue by William I. Morris, their next friend; Madison Hughes and Margaret, his wife, formerly Margaret Morris, and William Pritchett and Nancy, his wife, formerly Nancy Elliott, plaintiffs

against

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IN CHANCERY.

Isaac Read; Clement Carrington; Thomas Read, Jr.; John Nash Read; Thomas H. Read; Howel L. Read; Charles L. Read; Mary Harrison; Andrew Harrison and Mildred, his wife; George Hobson, and Eliza, his wife; William Lewis and Margaret, his wife; Clement Read; Charles Scott and Priscilla, his wife, Samuel Venable and Mary, his wife; William Cabbell and Nancy, his wife; Edward Jamerson; Clement R. Jamerson; George Elliott; and Joseph Friend Jr. and Julia, his wife; and Ann O. Cameron. . . Defendants.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit: at a court held for the said County the 7th day of July in the year 1817, came the plaintiffs and filed in the said Court their certain bill in chancery against the defendants and thereupon came the said defendants by their attorney and filed their answers thereto, which said bill and answers follow in these words, "To the worshipful Court of Charlotte County, in Chancery sitting: Humbly complaining, show unto your worships, your orators and oratrices, John Johns and Mary, his wife, formerly Mary Bedford; James Rucker and Lucy, his wife, formerly Lucy Bedford; Robert Bedford Jr.; Clement R. Bedford; and Francis Bedford, (which said Francis is an infant and sues by Stephen Bedford, her next friend); Edward Carrington, Walter C. Carrington, William Carrington, Paul S. Carrington, Isaac C. Carrington (which said William, Paul S. and Isaac C. Carrington are infants & sue by the said Walter C. Carrington, their next friend) Charles D. Fontaine and Ann, his wife, formerly Ann Carrington; Isaac Coles and Mildred L. Coles, his wife, formerly Mildred L. Carrington; Paul Carrington (son of George); George Carrington; Henry Carrington; Clement Carrington; John Carrington; Tucker Carrington; Edward Carrington; William Carrington; Emily Carrington; (which said John, Tucker, Edward, William and Emily are infants and sue by Paul Carrington, their next friend); George Scott and Mary Scott, who are infants and sue by Joseph Scott, their father, guardian and next friend; Mary Elliott, William H. Elliott, Edmund Elliott, Clement I. Elliott, Margaret Elliott, Juliana Elliott, George W. Elliott, Pris-

cilla S. Elliott, and John Elliott (which said Edmund, Clement I, Margaret, Juliana, George W., Priscilla S. and John are infants, and sue by Wm. H. Elliott, their next friend); William I. Morris; John Morris Jr.; Henry Morris; John S. Hill, and Eliza, his wife, formerly Eliza Morris (which said Henry and John are infants and sue by William I. Morris, their next friend); Madison Hughes and Margaret, his wife, formerly Margaret Morris; and William Prichett and Nancy, his wife, formerly Nancy Elliott; that Colo. Thomas Read, late of the County of Charlotte, died sometime in the year 1817 seised of several tracts of land lying in the said County; to wit one tract lying on little Roanoke river on the south side thereof containing — acres by estimation, on which he resided at the time of his death and on which there are improvements to a very considerable amount, another on Staunton river containing by estimation — acres; another on the head waters of Wardsfork Creek containing by estimation — acres; another on Wardsfork Creek containing by estimation — acres; and on which there is a most valuable grist mill; and another tract, called the Court House Tract containing by estimation — acres. That the said Thomas Read on the — day of — made and published his last Will and testament, by which he devised and bequeathed the aforesaid several tracts of land and all his personal property to his daughter, Peggy Read. That the said Peggy Read died in the year 1815, intestate, unmarried and leaving no child or children or other descendant; whereby as your orators and oratrices are advised, the said devise lapsed, and therefore the said lands are to descend and pass in the same manner and to the same persons as if the said will had never been made and the said Thomas Read had died intestate; that the said Thomas Read decd. had six brothers and sisters; to wit: Clement Read, Jonathan Read, Isaac Read, Margaret Read, Ann Read and Mary Read, all of whom died before him; that Clement Read the brother of the said Thomas Read decd. left three children to wit: Thomas Read, Jr., John Nash Read, and Mary Read; which said Mary Read married a certain Robert Bedford and departed this life before said Thomas Read dec'd. leaving five children to wit: your orators and oratrices: Mary Johns; Lucy Rucker; Robert Bedford, Jr.; Clement Bedford; and Francis Bedford; that the said Jonathan Read, another brother of the said Thomas Read dec'd. left seven children, to wit: Thomas H. Read; Howell L. Read; Charles L. Read; Mary Harrison, the widow of William Harrison deceased; Mildred Harrison, the wife of Andrew Harrison; Eliza Hobson, the wife of George Hobson, and Margaret Lewis, the wife of William Lewis all of whom are now living; That Isaac Read, the other brother of the said Thomas Read deceased, left three children who are still living,



to wit: Clement Read, Isaac Read and Priscilla Scott, the wife of Charles Scott, that Margaret Read one of the sisters of the said Thomas Read dec'd. married Paul Carrington and left five children, to wit: George Carrington, Paul Carrington, Clement Carrington, Mary Venable, the wife of Samuel Venable; and Nancy Cabbell, the wife of William Cabbell; which said Clement, Mary and Nancy are still living, that the said George Carrington, the son of the said Margaret Carrington, died before the said Thomas Read dec'd. and left ten children to wit: your orators and oratrices; Paul Carrington; George Carrington; Henry Carrington; Clement Carrington; John Carrington; Tucker Carrington; Edward Carrington; William Carrington; and Emily Carrington; and Mary Scott, the wife of Joseph Scott, who has since died leaving two children, your orator and oratrix, George and Mary Scott; that Paul Carrington, another son of the said Margaret Carrington, died before the said Thomas Read dec'd. leaving seven children to wit: your orators and oratrices; Edward Carrington; Walter Coles Carrington; William Carrington; Paul S. Carrington; Isaac C. Carrington; Ann Fountain; and Mildred L. Coles; that the said Ann Read, another of the sisters of the said Thomas Read dec'd was twice married to William Jameson and had by him four children to wit: Edmund Jameson & Clement R. Jameson, (who are still living) and Mary and Margaret Jameson, and 2nd to Richard Elliott, by whom she had two children to wit: George Elliott, and Julia Friend, the wife of Joseph Friend Jr. both of whom are living; that Margaret Jameson, one of the daughters of the said Ann by her first marriage, married a certain Thomas C. Elliott, and died before the said Thomas Read, leaving nine children, to wit: your orators and oratrices: Mary; William H.; Edmund; Clement I.; Margaret; Julia; George W.; Priscilla; and John Elliott; that Mary Jameson, the other daughter of the said Ann, by her first marriage, was first married to William Elliott by whom she had one child your oratrix, Nancy Prichett, and after the death of the said William Elliott, she married John Morris, and died before the said Thomas Read dec'd leaving by her second marriage five children, to wit: your orator and oratrices; William I. Morris; John Morris Jr. Henry Morris, Eliza Morris, and Margaret Hughes; That the said Mary Read, the other sister of the said Thomas Read dec'd, married Thomas Nash and left by him one daughter to wit: Ann D. Cameron the widow of the Rever'd John Cameron. That the said Thomas Read dec'd. left neither children nor their descendants, nor father, nor mother, nor brother, nor sister; and therefore his twenty nephews and nieces named above, and the issue of his five other nephews and nieces, who died before him, (and who are your orators and oratrices),

are his next of kin and heirs, That they have been advised that by the law of descents now in force in this commonwealth that the lands aforesaid of which the said Thomas Read died seised, ought to be divided into twenty five parts, and that one part ought to be allotted to each of the living nephews and neices and one part to the issue of each of the deceased nephews and neices; such issue taking the same proportion of the said lands as their father or mother would have taken had they survived the said Thomas Read deceased, your orators and oratrices further shew that the above named Isaac Read and Clement Carrington have taken possession of the lands aforesaid and have rented them out for the present year, and will not consent to make division thereof, alledging that they cannot be divided without greatly diminishing their value and indeed, as there are many valuable improvements on some of the said lands which alone are more than equal in value to the share of any one heir that they cannot be divided at all, and must be sold. Now your orators and oratrices do not know whether the lands can be sold, and as to a division, while they readily admit the difficulty of making an equal division and also that the value of the lands may be diminished, they see no reason why they should remain undivided without even an effort to divide them or without ascertaining whether they may be sold. In tender consideration of the premises and in as much as your orators and oratrices are remediless therein without the aid of a Court in Equity, to the end, therefore that the said Isaac Read; Clement Carrington; Thomas Read Jr.; John Nash Read; Thomas H. Read; Howell L. Read; Charles L. Read; Mary Harrison; Andrew Harrison and Mildred, his wife; George Hobson and Eliza, his wife; William Lewis and Margaret, his wife; Clement Read; Charles Scott and Priscilla, his wife; Samuel Venable and Mary, his wife; William Cabell and Nancy, his wife; Edmund Jameson; Clement R. Jameson; George Elliott; and Joseph Friend Jr. and Julia, his wife; and Ann O. Cameron, may answer the allegations of this bill fully and unequivocally upon their oaths that the lands aforesaid whereof the said Thomas Read died seised may be divided or sold as may be deemed most advisable, and your orators and oratrices put in possession of their parts thereof, and that they may have such other and further relief as to Equity may seem meet may it please the Court to grant the Commonwealths writ of subpa.

Teste;

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Recorded in Land Cases page 88.

In pursuance of the decree aforesaid, the Commissioners therein named returned the following:

# REPORT

## Valuation of Lands

		without improvements	with improvements
653	Acres in the Court House tract		
13	off 2 for the use of the Court,		
—	1 for the Church & 10 sold		
640	Wm. Bird at \$10.	\$6400.	6400.
	Improvements on this tract		3000.
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			9400.
354¼	Acres near the Court house	1771.75	1771.75
	called Gradies without any		
	improvements		
197½	Acres Staunton Low Grounds		
	at \$100. 19750.		
1071	Do. High Land includ-		
	ing Wallace Creek Low		
	grounds at \$10. 10710.	30460.00	30460.00
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974¼	Acres in Home House Tract	14613.75	14613.75
	at \$15.		
	Improvements		8000.00
816	Acres Wardsfork at 5.50	4488.00	4488.00
253	Acres Called Mill Tract	1500.00	1500.00
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	Improvements 1 Mill		2000.00
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			\$ 72233.50
	Total amount of improve-	13000.00	
	ments		
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		\$ 72233.50	

Agreeable to the annexed decree, we the undersigned Commissioners have had the Lands in the decree mentioned surveyed, and employed Mr. John Knight of the County of Lunenburg to make the surveys & correct Plats of which as made out by the surveyor accompanies this report— We also subjoin as directed by the Decree two valuations of the Lands in question in one of which we include and in the other exclude the improvements and by reference to these valuations it will readily be seen that the lands cannot be divided into 25 equal parts and five of these parts subdivided into 5, 6, 7, 9 & 11 parts in as much as the improvements alone, which cannot be divided on one of the tracts is more than equal to any one share. Passing however over this difficulty we are of opinion that, such division could not be made without

manifest injury to all concerned, as it would divide and cut the Lands into so many small parcels as evidently to diminish the value of each, and this reason is particularly strong as it regards the lesser or subdivisions as many of those parts would not amount to more than from 6 to 10 acres when so subdivided— Thus far the Coms have reported on the particular subjects referred to them in the decree, but as they are advised that one of the objects of the Court was to obtain all the information which the Coms could afford them on the subject with a view to a further Decree, they submit the following statements to the Court— The lands in question are of various qualities, some tracts are very fertile & increasing rapidly in value, others are of poor soil & if advancing at all certainly not in the same proportion, and one Tract particularly is considered of very doubtful and uncertain value. The Tract alluded to is the one on which the Courthouse is built, The value of this Tract depends principally on its local situation and should it so happen that the Courthouse should be removed, which possibly may be the case, its value would be diminished certainly one half probably two thirds, These facts and circumstances would render it extremely difficult if not impossible to lay off the infants or one fifth part of the whole lands in one entire tract or body without great injustice either to the infants or those of full age the improvements on the Mansion House Tract are very valuable and any considerable diminution of the Tract should in a great degree destroy the value of the improvements, To lay off therefore one fifth part of the value of the whole lands on this tract would take three fourths perhaps four fifths of the number of acres leaving the improvements with only two hundred or three hundred acres attached to them, such division then would most evidently be destructive to the balance. If the Court House Tract is selected for the infants in process of time its value might be almost entirely destroyed by the circumstance before mentioned without - - - to other causes which not unfrequently diminish the value of property so situated Whilst the River and other fertile Lands belonging to the estate would be increasing fast in value and the same reasons would hold if any of the inferior lands should be wholly assigned to the infants and it would be equally unjust and the reasons equally strong to assign the infants proportions wholly on the best Lands leaving those of doubtful value and of inferior soil to those of full age, the Comrs are therefore fully of the opinion that the only fair and equitable mode of dividing the said real estate is to lay off the infants or one fifth part of each individual tract or parcel of land so that each would receive their proportion of the good as well as the inferior lands and if any of the Tracts were advancing in price more rapidly than others each would receive their proportion of such increase and if any were diminishing the loss would be proportionably sustained by all and

the Comrs are further of opinion that if one fifth part of the tract of land on Staunton River was laid off and that divided into 5, 6, 7, 9 & 11 parts that even the largest of those subdivisions would not exceed one hundred dollars in value and if those divisions in the River Tract (which is the most valuable) would not exceed \$100. consequently the subdivisions in the other tracts which are all of smaller value would fall under that sum.

Given under our hands this the 2nd of August 1817.

Robert Morton  
John Morton Jr.  
Jacob Morton  
Henry A. Watkins

*Extracts from records of the War Department*

The records of this office show that one Samuel Venable (name not borne as Samuel Woodson Venable) served in the Revolutionary War as a cornet in Capt. Thomas Watkins Troop of Dragoons of Virginia, in General Lawson's Brigade. His name appears only on an undated pay roll which affords no information relative to his military service.

Children of Samuel Woodson Venable and Mary S. Carrington, his wife. (They and their descendants will be discussed in the following chapters of Part II of this book.)

1. Elizabeth Woodson Venable, mar. Wm. W. Watkins.
2. Margaret Read Venable, mar. Nicholas Cabell, Jr.
3. Anne Mayo Venable, mar. Isaac Read, Jr.
4. Mary Carrington Venable, mar. Wm. M. Womack.
5. Clementina Venable, mar. Rev. Wm. S. Reid.
6. Henningham Venable, mar. Rev. Robert Anderson.
7. Nathaniel E. Venable, mar. Mary Embry Scott.
8. Paul Carrington Venable, mar. (I) Eliz. D. Coleman; (II) Emily Carrington.
9. Agnes Woodson Venable, mar. Capt. Henry E. Watkins.
10. Samuel Woodson Venable, Jr., mar. Jane Reid.
11. Abram Watkins Venable, mar. Isabella Alston Brown.
12. Mildred Coles Venable, mar. Rev. Chas. Shepperson.



CLEMENTINA (VENABLE) REID  
(1788-1841)

ELIZABETH WOODSON (VENABLE) WATKINS  
(1782-1858)

## CHAPTER II

### ELIZABETH WOODSON (VENABLE) WATKINS OF "DO WELL," CHARLOTTE CO., VA., AND HER DESCENDANTS

ELIZABETH WOODSON VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., May 11, 1782; d. Apr. 7, 1858 at "Do Well," Charlotte Co., Va.; mar. Dec. 5, 1799, at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Capt. Wm. M. Watkins, b. Apr. 22, 1773; d. Feb. 5, 1865 of "Do Well," Charlotte Co., Va. Capt. Watkins studied at Hampden-Sidney College, 1789-1791; A.B. Princeton, 1792, studied law under Judge Creed Taylor of "Needham," Cumberland Co., Va. He was a representative from Charlotte County in the Virginia House of Delegates, 1812-1815, and in 1830; trustee of Hampden-Sidney College for more than thirty years. "Do Well," his home was, and is yet, one of the handsomest estates in Charlotte County. It has been more fortunate than most of the old plantations in that it has fallen into the hands of capable and wealthy successors of taste and education. Children:

- I. Agnes Woodson Watkins, b. Apr. 23, 1800; d. May 1, 1860.
- II. Mary Carrington Watkins, b. Sept. 23, 1803; d. Dec. 4, 1887; mar. May 12, 1823, Tucker Carrington [lawyer and planter of "Sunnyside," Mecklenburg Co., Va., b. Aug. 10, 1800; d. Nov. 12, 1875; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1826. Tucker Carrington was a son of Gen. Geo. Carrington and Sarah Coles (Tucker) Carrington; a grandson of Judge Paul Carrington and Margaret (Read) Carrington; a great-grandson of Geo. Carrington, the emigrant, and Anne (Mayo) Carrington]. Children:
  - A. Elizabeth Cabell Carrington, b. March 9, 1825; d. Oct. 3, 1893; mar. Sept. 10, 1846, William Thomas Johnson of "Tremont," Cumberland Co., Va., [b. Aug. 4, 1825; d. May 9, 1896; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; member of the Cumberland Troop, C. S. A.; and in later years, a tobacconist in Farmville, Va.]. Children:
    - i. Mary Carrington Johnson, b. June 20, 1847; d. Jan. 25,

1913; mar. Aug. 7, 1872, Clement Carrington Read, [b. Jan. 10, 1837; d. New Bedford, Mass., July 13, 1893; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; studied at University of Virginia; studied law; was for some years a tobacconist in Farmville, Va., and afterwards a chemist, in New Bedford, Mass.] (For descendants see record of Anne Mayo Venable Read.)

2. William Ichabod Johnson of "Cherry Hill," Amelia Co., Va., b. Jan. 18, 1850; mar. (I) Sept. 5, 1877, Lucy Nelson Page, b. Jan. 17, 1852; d. Feb. 14, 1896, dau. of Thomas Page of "Locust Grove," Cumberland Co., Va., and Sally (Page) Page of Clark County, Va. He married (II) Jessie Blanton of Cumberland Co., Va. Children by his first wife:
  - a. Sally Page Johnson, b. Aug. 6, 1878; mar. June 14, 1911, Robert Bell Black of Augusta Co., Va., b. Sept. 20, 1876. Children:
    - (I) Sarah Page Black, b. Aug. 6, 1912.
    - (II) Robert Bell Black, Jr., b. July 29, 1915.
    - (III) Margaret Moffett Black, b. Sept. 12, 1917.
  - b. Elizabeth Cabell Johnson, b. Nov. 19, 1879; mar. April 6, 1910, Hunter Holmes Hurt, b. Mar. 11, 1874. Children:
    - (I) William Johnson Hurt, b. Dec. 21, 1910.
    - (II) Lucy Page Hurt, b. July 22, 1912.
    - (III) Elizabeth Cary Hurt, b. June 20, 1914.
  - c. William Thomas Johnson, mar. Ruby Morgan. He now lives in Roanoke, Va.
  - d. Martha Bolling Johnson, b. Sept. 25, 1883; mar. Oct. 26, 1910, Robert Henderson Johnson, b. Oct. 26, 1882, of Cumberland Co., Va. Children:
    - (I) Robert Henderson Johnson, Jr., b. Mar. 13, 1912.
    - (II) Lucy Nelson Johnson, b. Oct. 3, 1913.
    - (III) Perkins Johnson, b. June 3, 1916.
  - e. Jane Byrd Johnson, b. Mar. 23, 1886; mar. Sept. 5, 1912, Bernard Frayser McLaurine, b. Dec. 25, 1875, of Powhatan Co., Va. Children:
    - (I) Rosa William McLaurine, b. Aug. 12, 1914.
    - (II) Bernard Frayser McLaurine, Jr., b. Feb. 23, 1920.
  - f. Chisholm Page Johnson, b. July 16, 1889, Amelia Co., Va.
  - g. Thomas Page Johnson, b. April 17, 1891; mar. Sept. 20, 1916, Rebecca Robertson. Children:
    - (I) Thomas Page Johnson, Jr., b. Mar. 2, 1918.



3. Tucker Carrington Johnson of "Tremont," Cumberland Co., Va.; b. June 16, 1852; d. Oct. 14, 1918; mar. Dec. 7, 1876, Sallie Anne Powers of Cumberland Co., Va. Children:
  - a. Charlotte Powers Johnson, b. Sept. 2, 1878.
  - b. Annie Belle Johnson, b. June 3, 1880; mar. Dec. 7, 1917, Charles Bruce Easley of Lynchburg, Va. Children:
    - (1) Anne Powers J. Easley, b. Apr. 12, 1920.
  - c. Mary Carrington Johnson, b. Apr. 30, 1883.
  - d. Nellie French Johnson, b. Sept. 2, 1885; mar. June 17, 1917, Ferdinand Mitchell Perrow, M. D., of Lynchburg, Va. Children:
    - (1) Ferdinand Perrow, Jr., b. Nov., 1918.
  - e. Tucker Carrington Johnson, Jr., of Cary, Miss., b. Aug. 10, 1887; mar. June 10, 1914, Virginia Brobston of Mississippi.
  - f. Richard Hunter Johnson, b. Aug. 31, 1890; d. Apr. 1, 1911; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College.
  - g. Nancy Lewis Johnson, b. July 6, 1892; mar. Oct. 22, 1919, Samuel Walton Bondurant of Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:
    - (1) Nancy Leigh Bondurant, b. July 30, 1922.
4. Richard Henry Johnson, formerly, President of the Richmond Guano Co., b. July 17, 1855; mar. June 21, 1900, Etta Leigh Watkins, b. Oct. 23, 1876, dau. of Henry E. Watkins of Prince Edward Co., Va., and Jane Read (McNutt) Watkins. Children:
  - a. Richard Henry Johnson, Jr., b. May 9, 1901; educated at St. Christopher's School, Richmond; and Washington and Lee University.
  - b. Virginia Watkins Johnson, b. Apr. 28, 1904.
  - c. Etta Watkins Johnson, b. Apr. 24, 1906; educated at Goucher College, Baltimore.
  - d. Martha Scott Johnson, b. Jan. 19, 1909.
  - e. William Thomas Johnson, b. Jan. 22, 1914.
5. Hugh Cabell Johnson of Amelia, Va., b. July 8, 1858.
6. Elizabeth Watkins Johnson, b. Dec. 19, 1860, of Richmond, Va.
7. Annie Isabelle Johnson, b. Mar. 4, 1863, of Richmond, Va.
8. Julia Jane Johnson, b. Dec. 6, 1866; mar. Dec. 18, 1895, Joseph Du Puy Eggleston, II, of Prince Edward Co., Va.,

author, editor, educator, [b. Nov. 13, 1867, son of Joseph Du Puy and Anne Carrington (Booker) Eggleston; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1886; LL.D. Washington and Lee, 1917; LL.D. Hampden-Sidney College, 1918; President of Hampden-Sidney College 1919; Phi Beta Kappa; Beta Theta Pi. See: *Who's Who*.] Children:

- a. Elizabeth Carrington Eggleston, b. in Asheville, N. C., Mar. 17, 1899; B.A. Sweetbriar College, Va.; M.A. Syracuse University, N. Y.; student at Oxford University, England, 1924.
- b. Joseph Du Puy Eggleston III., b. Prince Edward Co., Va., Oct. 11, 1903; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, Va.; Pi Kappa Alpha.

B. Sally Tucker Carrington mar. June 6, 1867 Thomas Watkins Leigh of Halifax Co., Va.

C. Mary Coles Carrington, mar. John Randolph Leigh, M.D., of Clarksville, Va., son of Judge William Leigh and Rebecca Watkins. Children:

1. William Leigh, 2. Mary Watkins Leigh, 3. Tucker Carrington Leigh, 4. Benjamin Watkins Leigh.

D. Agnes Watkins Carrington, d. s.

E. Emily Eaton Carrington, d. s.

F. Isabella Venable Carrington, d. s.

G. Georgia Virginia Carrington, mar. June 27, 1866, Maj. Henry Carrington, [b. Feb. 7, 1835; d. Feb. 11, 1893, son of Henry Carrington, (b. July 10, 1792) and his wife, Elizabeth Morton, of "Elmwood," Halifax Co., Va.] Children:

1. Tucker Carrington; graduated at the Eastman Business College. Now he is auditor of the Union Central Life Insurance Co., in Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. Henry Carrington, d. y.
3. Sara Tucker Carrington; A.B. Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.; B.S. Columbia University, N. Y.
4. John Randolph Leigh Carrington; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1895; graduated from New York Business College; Assistant actuary of the Union Central Life Insurance Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. He mar., Sept. 20, 1919, Olive Robertson Cord.
5. Elizabeth Cabell Carrington; A.B., A.M., University of Cin-

cinnati; mar. May 30, 1912, Everett Irving Yowell, Ph.D., of the University of Cincinnati. Children:

- a. John Lloyd Yowell, b. May 23, 1913. b. Mary Tucker Yowell, b. May 28, 1915. c. Everett Carrington Yowell, b. Feb. 21, 1920. d. Elizabeth Morton Yowell, b. June 2, 1921.

6. Mary Helen Carrington, graduate of Richmond Female Seminary, Richmond, Va.; mar. Oct. 24, 1923, John Atkinson Owen, M.D., of Halifax Co., Va.

H. Mildred Howell Carrington.

- III. Samuel Venable Watkins, b. Oct. 17, 1805; d. about 1866; mar. June 13, 1827, Louisa M. Scott, dau. of Capt. Charles Scott and Priscilla (Read) Scott of "Falkland," Halifax Co., Va. Children:

A. Mary Scott Watkins, mar. Robert C. Nelson. Children:

1. Watkins Leigh Nelson. 2. Louisa Nelson. 3. Ann Finlay Nelson.

B. William Morton Watkins.

C. Charles Scott Watkins.

D. Priscilla Read Watkins, mar. Theodorick Bland. Children:

1. John Bolling Bland.

E. Betty Woodson Watkins.

F. Maria Louisa Watkins.

G. Henry Scott Watkins.

H. Samuel Venable Watkins.

I. Lydia Thomas Watkins.

- IV. William Joel Watkins, b. at "Do Well," Charlotte Co., Va., Jan. 4, 1808; d. St. Augustine, Fla., Aug. 9, 1884; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1825; post-graduate, Yale University (classmate of N. P. Willis); lawyer, planter, Mayor of St. Augustine for many years. He was a man of unusual mental ability, one who served the State unselfishly and untiringly during the difficult times of the reconstruction period, always just to white and black. He married, May 11, 1831, Elizabeth Lightfoot Coles, b. Feb. 1812; d. Aug. 31, 1874; dau. of Hon. Isaac H. Coles and Mildred Lightfoot Carrington of "Springwood," Halifax Co., Va. Mildred Lightfoot Carrington was a dau. of Judge Paul Carrington, Jr., and his wife, Mildred Coles of "Sylvan Hill," Charlotte Co., Va. Children:

- A. Mary Coles Watkins, b. 1838 at "Mapleton," Charlotte Co., Va.; d. June 12, 1886, St. Augustine, Fla.; mar. Apr. 21, 1856,

John Howson Clark, son of Rev. John H. Clark of Halifax Co., Va. Children:

1. Henrietta Coleman Clark, b. at "Mapleton," Charlotte Co., Va., Sept. 4, 1860; mar. July 12, 1854, Amander W. Barrs, son of Ethelred and Abigal (Wildon) Barrs.
2. Henry Embry Clark, b. in Clarksville, Halifax Co., Va., May 17, 1861; d. Mar. 4, 1914; mar. (I) Jan., 1895, Margaret Pearce, (d. 1896). Children: a. Henry Clark, b. John Clark, twins, died 1896. He mar. (II) Anne Sweeney. Children: c. Martha Clark, b. Sept., 1906.
3. John Howson Clark, b. in Clarksville, Halifax Co., Va., 1863. He lives in Texas.
4. Elizabeth Coles Clark, b. in Rockingham Co., N. C., May 16, 1864; d. Oct. 24, 1910; mar. June 18, 1885, in St. Augustine, Fla., Eugene M. Gaillard, Jr., of Charleston, S. C. Children:
  - a. Mary Coles Gaillard, b. Nov. 8, 1886; mar. Apr. 14, 1914, A. F. Mahoney, M.D. Children:
    1. Henry Benjamin Mahoney, b. Jan. 10, 1916.
    2. Gaillard Mahoney, b. Mar. 20, 1917.
  - b. Sarah Cantey Gaillard, b. Mar. 20, 1888; mar. Dec. 6, 1908, Daniel Bryan Gilliland, Jr. Children:
    1. Daniel Bryan Gilliland, 3rd, b. June 11, 1910; d. Oct. 29, 1913.
    2. Richard Eugene Gilliland, b. Jan. 24, 1923, Denver, Col.
  - c. Pierre Gaillard, b. July 2, 1890.
  - d. Eugene McB. Gaillard, Jr., b. July 21, 1893.
  - e. Margaret Pearce Gaillard, b. June 2, 1902; mar. — Bethune.
  - f. Beatrice Mildred Gaillard, b. June 28, 1908; d. Aug. 23, 1910.
5. William Joel Clark, b. Rockingham Co., N. C., Apr. 27, 1868; d. May 29, 1914; mar. Nov. 15, 1905, Rosa Lee Burton. Children: a. William Joel Clark, b. Jan. 23, 1907, Waycross, Ga.
6. Mildred Carrington Clark, b. Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 10, 1874; mar. June 5, 1895, Miller Hallowses Dancy, son of James Dancy and Lena (Hallowses) Dancy. Children: a. Caroline Hallowses Dancy, b. Nov. 18, 1901, Jacksonville, Fla.

7. Mary Watkins Clark, b. Nov. 29, 1878, Jacksonville, Fla.; mar. Jan., 1908, George Walter Thames, son of George and Mary (Dudley) Thames. Children:
  - a. George Walter Thames, 3rd., b. Nov. 3, 1908.
  - b. Henrietta Coleman Thames, b. June 15, 1914.
- B. Joel Watkins, d. y.
- C. Tucker Carrington Watkins, b. 1843; mar. Mary Sims Garrett Vest, widow of George Vest. Children:
  1. Maria Watkins, mar. Mr. Wicker.
  2. Lizzy Watkins, mar. Mr. Tayloe.
  3. Mary Bailey Watkins.
  4. Dr. Thomas Watkins, of Bisbee, Ariz.
  5. Tucker Carrington Watkins, banker, mar. Louisa Barksdale, dau. of Judge William Barksdale of Halifax Co., Va.
- D. Mildred Carrington Watkins, b. 1845.
- E. William Watkins, b. 1847; d. y.
- F. Elizabeth Lightfoot Watkins, b. 1849; d. s.
- G. Isaac Carrington Watkins, b. 1853; d. in Texas, June 10, 1874, unmarried.
- H. Margaret Watkins, b. Mar. 5, 1855; mar. June 5, 1877, St. Augustine, Fla., George Williams Gibbs [b. Dec. 29, 1853, Savannah, Ga.; d. July 2, 1922, St. Augustine, Fla., son of Col. George Couper Gibbs of Florida and Julia Elizabeth Williams of Savannah, Ga.]. Children:
  1. George Couper Gibbs, B.L. Washington and Lee Univ., Judge 4th Judicial Circuit Court of State of Florida; mar. Leonora Warnock of Jamaica, N. Y. Children:
    - a. Margaret Gibbs.
    - b. William Warnock Gibbs.
    - c. Harriet Gibbs.
  2. Rebecca Gibbs, mar. Nov. 1, 1923, Samuel Moore, Ph.D., Harvard University, Professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. Children:
    - a. Samuel Moore.
    - b. Kingsley Gibbs Moore.
    - c. Henry Clay Moore.
    - d. George Gibbs Moore, d. y.
    - e. Tucker Gibbs Moore, d. y.
    - f. Edward Caldwell Moore.
  3. George Williams Gibbs, mechanical engineer, graduated from Georgia School of Technology; mar. Dec. 7, 1910, Kathleen Ingraham, dau. of J. D. Ingraham, Vice-President of the Florida East Coast R. R. Children:
    - a. Kathleen Maria Gibbs.
    - b. George Williams Gibbs, Jr.
  4. Elizabeth Lightfoot Coles Gibbs, mar. July 12, 1911, St.

Augustine, Fla., Joseph Dunning Weed, son of the Right Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed, Bishop of Florida. Children:

a. Margaret Watkins Weed, b. May 6, 1912. b. Edwin Gardner Weed, 2nd, b. Apr. 19, 1918. v. Julia Foster Weed, b. Aug. 5, 1922. d. Joseph Dunning Weed, b. Apr. 12, 1924.

5. Margaret Watkins Gibbs, mar. in Hankow, China, 1922, Albert William Jack Watt, banker, manager of the Hankow-Shanghai Bank, Hankow, China.

6. Tucker Carrington Gibbs, Lieut. Supply Corps, U. S. N.; mar. in China, Estelle Warlick of Texas.

V. Henry Watkins, b. Nov. 5, 1810; d. y.

VI. Richard Venable Watkins of "Mayo," Halifax Co., Va.; mar.

(I) Phoebe Ann Sims, dau. of Capt. John Sims of "Black Walnut," Halifax Co., Va. (she lived only one year after her marriage); mar. (II) Mary Ann Elizabeth Barksdale, dau. of Charles Barksdale and Elizabeth (Coleman) Barksdale of "Lombardy Grove," Mecklenburg Co., Va.; mar. (III) Anne E. Carrington, dau. of John Bonaparte Carrington and Judith Wimbush Carrington. Children only by second wife.

A. Charles Baskerville Watkins.

B. William Morton Watkins.

C. Elizabeth Ann Watkins, mar. Thomas Carrington.

D. Lucy Baskerville Watkins, mar. — Butts.

E. Rev. John Sims Watkins, a distinguished Presbyterian minister, mar. and lives in Spartanburg, S. C.

F. Richard Venable Watkins.

G. Thomas Algernon Watkins, mar. —.

H. Sara Alice Watkins.

I. Virginia Douglas Watkins, mar. (as his second wife) Judge William Randolph Barksdale [b. 1849, M.A. University of Virginia, 1870; Judge, 1874].

J. Nellie Watkins, b. 1858; mar. Apr. 15, 1885, Henry Paul Carrington, [b. Aug. 7, 1848; d. Mar. 29, 1900, of "Bellevue," Halifax Co., Va.].

K. Julia Watkins, mar. Tazwell Carrington.

L. Isabella Watkins.

M. Mary Carrington Watkins, mar. —.

N. Clara Carrington Watkins, d. y.

O. Henry Joel Watkins, M.A. Hampden-Sidney College; mar. Rose Overby (d. 1921). Children:

1. Henry Joel Watkins, Jr., mar. Marguerite Richmond of Great Britain.
2. John Overby Watkins, mar. Eva Tuggle. Children:
  - a. Eva Watkins. b. John Watkins. c. Douglas Watkins.
3. Richard Venable Watkins, mar. Christine Boog of Alaska.
4. Imogene Watkins.

VII. Thomas Watkins, b. June 5, 1816; d. Sept. 26, 1901.

VIII. Clement C. Watkins, M.D., b. Sept. 12, 1818; d. Oct. 18, 1850.

IX. Isaac Read Watkins, b. June 27, 1821; d. Dec. 21, 1884.

X. Elizabeth Margaret Watkins, b. Feb. 2, 1827; d. Dec. 12, 1896; mar. July 6, 1866, a widower (former husband of her sister, Jane Virginia), Richard Venable Gaines [b. Apr. 16, 1830, son of Richard Jennings Gaines of "Wardsfork" and his first wife, Martha Watkins Venable, dau. of Richard N. Venable (1763-1838) and Mary (Morton) Venable.] No Children.

XI. Jane Virginia Watkins, b. May 20, 1829; d. Dec. 24, 1863; mar. Nov. 28, 1854, Richard Venable Gaines [b. Apr. 16, 1830 (see above). Major C. S. A. His father, Richard Jennings Gaines, was son of Major William Gaines and Mary Jennings]. Children:

- A. Martha Watkins Gaines of "Do Well," Charlotte Co., Va.
- B. Clement Carrington Gaines, A.B., A.M., Hampden-Sidney College, 1875. Pres. of Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; mar. (I) Mrs. Eastman, a widow. No children. He mar. (II) Elizabeth Castle, of New York. Children:
  1. Clement Carrington Gaines. 2. Elizabeth Gaines. 3. Beatrice Castle Gaines. 4. Richard Venable Gaines.
- C. Elizabeth Venable Gaines.
- D. Richard Venable Gaines.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Elizabeth Woodson (Venable) Watkins of "Do Well," Charlotte County, Virginia.*



MARGARET READ (VENABLE) CABELL  
(1792-1857)

NICHOLAS CABELL, JR.  
(1780-1809)



### CHAPTER III

MARGARET READ (VENABLE) CABELL  
OF "LIBERTY HALL," NELSON CO., VA.,  
AND HER DESCENDANTS

MARGARET READ VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., May 11, 1782, d. at "Liberty Hall," Nelson Co., Va., May 31, 1857; mar. at "Springfield," Oct. 20, 1902, Nicholas Cabell, Jr., of "Liberty Hall," Nelson Co., Va., her first cousin, son of Col. Nicholas Cabell and Hannah (Carrington) Cabell of "Liberty Hall." Nicholas Cabell, Jr., above mentioned, was b. Dec. 24, 1780; d. June 25, 1809. He was educated by tutors at home, at Hampden-Sidney College, 1798-1799, and at William and Mary College, 1800-1801. He inherited the "Liberty Hall" estate in 1803. Children:

- I. Elizabeth Nicholas Hare Cabell, b. Aug. 20, 1803; d. July 17, 1822.
- II. Nathaniel Francis Cabell, b. July 23, 1807; d. Sept. 1, 1891; mar.
  - (I) Sept. 14, 1831, Anne Barraud Cocke, b. Dec. 15, 1811; d. Feb. 20, 1862, dau. of Gen. John Hartwell Cocke and Anne Blaws Cocke; mar. (II), 1867, Mary M. Keller of Baltimore, Md.Children by first wife:
  - A. Francis Hartwell Cabell, d. y.
  - B. Elizabeth Nicholas Cabell, mar. William D. Cabell. Children:
    1. Anne Barraud Cabell.
    2. Cordelia M. Cabell.
  - C. Rev. Philip Barraud Cabell, mar. Julia C. Bolling. Children:
    1. John Hartwell Cabell, a lawyer in New York City.
    2. Francis Barraud Cabell.
    3. Philip Mann Cabell.
  - D. Sallie Faulcon Cabell.
  - E. Francis Grace Cabell, mar. Richard Kennon Campbell of Washington, D. C.
  - F. Cary Charles Cabell.- III. Anne Cabell, d. y.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Margaret Read (Venable) Cabell of "Liberty Hall," Nelson County, Virginia.*



ANNE MAYO (VENABLE) READ  
(1784-1869)

## CHAPTER IV

### ANNE MAYO (VENABLE) READ OF "GREENFIELD," CHARLOTTE CO., VA., AND HER DESCENDANTS<sup>1</sup>

ANNE MAYO VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., June 4, 1784; d. at "Greenfield," Charlotte Co., Va., Feb. 27, 1869; mar. Sept. 25, 1802, Isaac Read, Jr. [b. 1777; d. June, 1823, at "Greenfield," Charlotte Co., Va., son of Col. Isaac Read, of The Revolutionary Army, and Sara Embry, his wife. Isaac Read, Jr., was First Lieut., 4th Va. Regiment, in the War of 1812, participated in the battles of Ellicott's Mills, Baltimore and Washington, was wounded; he never entirely recovered. He studied law, but never practiced; he was a man of great means, a planter and merchant; he was trustee of Hampden-Sidney College, 1803-1823].

Quoting from *Historic Virginia Homes* by Lancaster:

The estate of "Greenfield" was carved out of a ten thousand acre tract of land purchased by Col. Isaac Read's father in 1730. Now the house is the oldest in the county and tradition says that when it was first built, settlers came from miles around to see so palatial a residence as it was then considered. The timbers of the house are massive; many of them being hewn. The dressed timber was sawn in old-fashioned sawpits, while the nails and iron fittings are all hand-made of wrought iron. "Greenfield" has ever passed from father to son by direct descent. The old plantation mill with its old wheel is still grinding corn and wheat as it has done for the last one hundred and seventy-five years.

#### Children:

- I. Samuel Venable Read, d. y. (while in college).
- II. Clement Carrington Read, b. 1805; d. Jan. 25, 1872; mar. Nov. 30, 1830, Anne E. Watkins, b. 1803; d. Mar. 28, 1870, dau. of Henry A. Watkins and Nancy Edmunds. (Authority for this

<sup>1</sup> Most of the earlier Colonial records of this family show that the name was spelled Reade; but, in later generations, the final "e" has been dropped.—E. V.

statement is Mrs. Shelley Rouse of Covington, Ky.) Clement Carrington Read was a merchant and tobacco manufacturer in Farmville, Va.; Pres. of the Farmer's Bank; Sec. and member of the Board of the Union Theological Seminary for thirty years. Children:

A. Nannie Cabell Read (this name is used upon authority of Dr. H. R. McIlwaine), d. Apr., 1893; mar. July 7, 1852, Abram Cabell Carrington b. Oct. 15, 1831; killed June 30, 1862, at Frayser's Farm in Civil War; V. M. I., 1848; Franklin Minor's School, 1849-51; Lieut., Co. D., 18th Va. Reg., C. S. A. Children:

1. William Cabell Carrington, b. Nov. 13, 1853; mar. Mrs. Wirt (Johnson) Turner of Bristol, Tenn. No children.

2. Clement Read Carrington, b. July 12, 1855; mar. Nov. 10, 1892, Ellen Patton Crutchfield of Fredericksburg, Va. Children:

a. Abram Cabell Carrington, b. Jan. 26, 1894.

b. Elizabeth Carrington.

3. Paul Carrington, b. 1857.

4. Alexander Broadnax Carrington, b. July 22, 1859, mar. (I) Lucy Royall. Children: a. Royall Carrington. b. Nannie Cabell Carrington. He mar. (II) Margaret Wilson, dau. of Mr. Wilson of Dauphin Co., Pa. Children: c. William Carrington. d. Alexander Carrington.

5. Annie Lee Carrington, b. July 21, 1862; mar. Oct. 30, 1888, Rev. William S. Campbell, editor of the *Presbyterian of the South*, in Richmond, Va. Children: a. Virginia Eppes Campbell, b. July 28, 1890. b. Nannie Cabell Campbell.

B. Elizabeth Read, b. at "Greenfield," Charlotte Co., Va.; d. in Richmond, Va., Jan. 10, 1920; mar. May 14, 1857, Richard McIlwaine, [b. May 20, 1834; d. Aug. 9, 1913, son of Archibald Graham McIlwaine and Martha (Dunn) McIlwaine of Petersburg, Va. (Archibald Graham McIlwaine was b. in Londonderry, Ireland. He was a trustee of Hampden-Sidney College, 1846-1876.)] Richard McIlwaine; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College 1853, A.M., D.D., LL.D.; Chap. and Lieut. C. S. A.; Trustee H. S. C.; Pres. and Prof. of Philos., H. S. C.; Const. Con. 1901; Studied at the University of Va., Union Theological Seminary, and the Free Church College in Edinburgh, Scotland. The *Central Presbyterian* referred to him as "the first

citizen of the whole Southside of Virginia" . . . "a soldier, a patriot" . . . "pre-eminently a man of the people." *The Hampden-Sidney College Bulletin, McIlwaine Memorial Number*, autumn of 1913, says of him: "He was hospitable, courteous, chivalric; a pattern for a younger race of the old-fashioned gentleman." This same publication speaks of his wife, Elizabeth Read: "It was in Framville . . . that he met, in his college days, her who, after seven years' courtship, had become his wife, a lady praised for her beauty on both sides of the Atlantic, whose gracious manners and delightful hospitality have warmed the heart of many a homesick boy." Children:

1. Archibald Graham McIlwaine, b. Mar. 27, 1858, a well-known corporation lawyer, Tyler, Texas.
2. Clement Read McIlwaine, b. Jan. 19, 1860; d. May 20, 1906; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1878; lawyer; mar. Sept. 27, 1888, Henrie Augustine Whiting Lumsden. Children:
  - a. Henry Whiting McIlwaine, volunteered promptly for service in the World War.
  - b. Elizabeth Read McIlwaine, b. Nov. 29, 1891; mar. Oct. 10, 1916, Stuart Chalmers Irby. Children: (I) Elizabeth Irby, b. Oct. 19, 1919. (II) Stuart C. Irby, b. Oct. 20, 1923.
  - c. Dr. Richard McIlwaine, b. Oct. 17, 1894; student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, during the World War; volunteered promptly for service.
  - d. Charles Read McIlwaine, b. Oct. 1, 1896. First Lieut. in World War in Replacement Regiment in France; A.B. University of Tenn.
  - e. Archibald Graham McIlwaine, b. June 2, 1898; A.B. University of Tenn.; First Lieut. World War, assigned to duty as military instructor in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi.
3. Margaret Gwynn McIlwaine, b. July 30, 1861; d. Aug. 12, 1862.
4. Lizzie Read McIlwaine, b. June 25, 1864.
5. Richard McIlwaine, b. Oct. 25, 1866; d. Dec. 11, 1867.
6. Martha Dunn McIlwaine, b. Sept. 12, 1868; mar. Dec. 9, 1896, Nathaniel Frazer of Richmond, Va. Children:
  - a. Elizabeth Read Frazer, b. Oct. 8, 1897.

- b. William Stevenson Frazer, b. Oct. 26, 1898.
- c. Richard McIlwaine Frazer, b. July 19, 1900.
- 7. Anne Read McIlwaine, b. Mar. 5, 1871; mar. June 4, 1901, William Willcox Dunn, M.D., a prominent specialist in Richmond, Va. Children:
  - a. Susan Peachy Poythress Willcox Dunn, b. Mar. 28, 1902; d. Apr. 29, 1903.
  - b. Richard McIlwaine Dunn, b. July 7, 1904.
  - c. William Willcox Dunn, Jr., b. July 10, 1908.
- 8. John Stevenson McIlwaine, b. Oct. 6, 1873; d. Dec. 24, 1916.
- C. Sara Embra Read, d. June, 1875; mar. Dec. 1859, Joseph Finley McIlwaine, [b. Feb. 12, 1838; d. Jan. 16, 1897, son of Archibald Graham McIlwaine and Martha Dunn, his wife, both of Ireland, Londonderry and Termanagh counties.] Joseph F. McIlwaine, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College 1858; C. S. A., Troop B, and 13th Va. Cavalry, "Petersburg Cavalry"; a farmer, and tobaccoist, "noted for his courage, generosity, geniality, and conversational ability, and beloved by all who knew him." Children:
  - 1. James R. McIlwaine of Nashville, Tenn., b. Dec. 29, 1860; d. Jan. 26, 1923; mar. Aug. 5, 1903, Nellie Griffith, dau. of Ellen Shannon and William Griffith of St. Louis, Mo.

James R. McIlwaine, for more than twenty years prominently identified with the lumber industry of this section, died at his home in Nashville on the evening of January 26. Although Mr. McIlwaine had been in failing health a number of years, his last illness was brief and the news of his death came in the nature of a shock to his wide circle of friends.

At the time of his death Mr. McIlwaine was president of the Southern Lumber & Manufacturing Company, which he was instrumental in founding. In addition to a plant in Nashville, the concern owns a large acreage of hardwoods in White and Campbell Counties, Tennessee, the timber being selected by Mr. McIlwaine himself, who was regarded as one of the foremost authorities on this subject in the South.

Mr. McIlwaine was born at Petersburg, Virginia, 62 years ago and was a member of a family that for generations took a prominent part in the affairs of that state. Thirty-five years ago he came to Nashville, his first venture after reaching this city being the organization of the Cassey Oil Company of which he was president. Twenty years ago he organized the Southern Box & Lumber Company, which

through a process of reorganization assumed its present name, Southern Lumber & Manufacturing Company.

By nature studious and retiring, and modest to an extreme, Mr. McIlwaine was a gentleman of the old school and one of whom it might be said he was unselfish to a fault. He was well and favorably known by a great number of his friends and affectionately regarded by his employees. It is said of him that he made it a habit to look after the welfare of the members of his organization and none were too humble to escape his solicitous notice. Another distinguishing trait was his propensity to note ability, and willingness to reward unusual effort.

As indicative of the esteem in which he was held by the community, the *Nashville Banner*, Tuesday, paid him the following tribute:

"In the death of James R. McIlwaine, Nashville lost a man who had conclusively proved his worth to the community in which he made his home for thirty-five years. His activities were many and he had been prominently and successfully associated with various phases of the business, social and civic life of the city. Mr. McIlwaine left his impress for good everywhere he went. During the greater part of his life in Nashville, Mr. McIlwaine was connected with the lumber interests of the city, and was serving as president of the Southern Lumber & Manufacturing Company at the time of his death. His disposition was such that he made friends easily and held them permanently. He will be sincerely missed by people throughout this entire section."

#### Children:

- a. Joseph Finley McIlwaine, b. July 8, 1907.
- b. James R. McIlwaine, b. June 14, 1910.
2. Nannie Cabell McIlwaine, b. Sept. 3, 1861; mar. July 8, 1886, Frederick Carr Moore of Norfolk, Va., (b. July 28, 1857; d. Sept. 22, 1914), A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, 1885. Children:
  - a. Turner Wharton Moore, b. Oct. 1, 1887.
  - b. Nannie Cabell Moore, b. May 17, 1891; mar. June 12, 1912, William C. Bullock of Bullock, N. C. Children:
    - (I) John Bullock. (II) Nannie Cabell Bullock. (III) Carr Moore Bullock. (IV) William Bullock.
  - c. James Carr Moore, mar. Lucy R. Palmer of Warrentown, N. C. Children:
    - (I) Sarah Palmer Moore. (II) James Carr Moore. (III) Nannie McIlwaine Moore.
  - d. Sarah McIlwaine Moore, b. Sept. 17, 1896; mar. Feb. 6,

- 1923, Fitzhugh Read of Mecklenburg Co., Va. Children:  
(1) Fitzhugh Trezvant Read.
3. Henry Read McIlwaine, b. July 12, 1864; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1885; Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University, 1893; Prof. of English and History, H. S. C., 1893-1907; Librarian Va. State Library, July 6, 1907, to date; LL.D., Lit.D. Hampden-Sidney College; Phi Beta Kappa, William and Mary College chapter; during World War, director in Va. of American Library Association's War Service; member of the Va. State Council of Defense. Since the War he has been a member of the Virginia War History Commission; editor of the *Journals of the House of Burgesses*, in thirteen volumes, and of the *Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*, publications issued by the Virginia State Library; Pres. Va. Chap. Sons of the Revolution. See: *Who's Who*.
  4. Jane Graham McIlwaine, b. June 20, 1866, mar. Oct. 21, 1891, Hugh A. White (son of Rev. George W. White, a Presbyterian minister), distinguished lawyer. Children:
    - a. Finley McIlwaine White, b. July 18, 1893; d. Oct. 10, 1893.
    - b. George William White, Capt. in the World War, now (1924) studying law at Washington and Lee University.
    - c. Sara Embra White, b. May 28, 1900.
    - d. Hugh Augustus White, b. Oct. 7, 1902; d. Jan. 7, 1904.
  5. Sara Embra McIlwaine, mar. Aug. 30, 1906, at the home of Mr. Hugh A. White, Lexington, Va., Harrington Waddell, [b. Aug. 1, 1872, (son of Wm. H. Waddell and his wife Maggie A. Burwell), A.B. Washington and Lee, 1893; post graduate, 1896-87; Phi Beta Kappa; trustee, Washington and Lee Univ. since 1915.] Children:
    - a. Harrington Waddell, Jr., b. July 4, 1907; d. Sept. 4, 1908.
    - b. Finley McIlwaine Waddell, b. Nov. 4, 1908.
    - c. William Edgar Waddell, II, b. Sept. 29, 1910.
  6. Judge Richard McIlwaine, b. Nov. 12, 1870; lawyer; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1888; City Attorney of Norfolk, Va., 1900-1906; Judge of the Court of Law and Chancery of Norfolk, Va., since 1921; mar. Dec. 2, 1902, Mrs. Mary Wilson Jordan Maury.
  7. Mary Finley McIlwaine, b. June 4, 1875; mar. Rev. Samuel McPeeters Glasgow, D.D., of Lexington, Va.



D. Henry W. Read, a student of Hampden-Sidney College when the Civil War broke out, volunteered promptly; at first a private in Co. D., 18th Va. Reg. of Inf., "The Prospect Rifle Grays"; adj. of his regiment; killed in the battle of Williamsburg and buried on the field.

E. Isaac Read, too young to go into the army at the beginning of the War; he enlisted, however, on Aug. 20, 1863, in the Charlotte Cavalry, Co. B., 14th Va. Cavalry, and was "a good soldier." He died in Richmond, Dec. 7, 1915, and is buried in Hollywood in the part set aside for Confederate soldiers.

III. Isaac Read III, b. Sept. 24, 1807; mar. in Hillsboro, N. C., June 7, 1832, Susan Mary Nash. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1821; lawyer, Whig, candidate for the Virginia Senate, 1835; removed to Charleston, West Va.; died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 1887; Prosecuting Attorney for Prince Edward Co., Va.; Trustee of Hampden-Sidney College; B.L. Harvard Law School. Susan Mary Nash, his wife, b. 1807; d. 1879, Hillsboro, N. C., was a dau. of Chief Justice Frederick Nash of N. C. (son of Gov. Abner Nash) and his wife, Mary Kellock of New Jersey. Children:

A. Isaac Read IV, b. 1833 in Va., d. — in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Major in C. S. A.; mar. at "Greenfield," Sept. 15, 1875, Susan Cabell Read, b. at "Ingleside," May 4, 1848, dau. of his uncle W. W. Read of "Greenfield" and Paulina Edmonia Carrington, dau. of Henry Carrington and Louisa (Cabell) Carrington. Children:

1. Susan Nash Read, b. 1881, Brooklyn, N. Y.

2. William Howard Read, b. Feb. 25, 1885, Brooklyn, N. Y.; served through World War; mar. in 1919, Leslie Lawton, dau. of Col. Lawton. Children:

a. Susanne Read.

B. Judge Frederick Nash Read, b. in Virginia; d. in Dallas, Texas; C. S. A.; mar. Emma Noyes. Children:

1. Hallie Odien Read, mar. Edward Greer, lawyer of Dallas, Texas. Children:

a. Emma Antry Greer, b. Dec. 26, 1885; mar. 1907, Henry Lee Holman. Children:

(I) Frederick Edward Holman, d. y. (II) Hallie Mary Holman. (III) Emma Greer Holman.

b. Mary Read Greer, b. 1887; mar. Walter B. Pyron

c. Lena Wood Greer, b. 1889; mar. Von Reuben Currie.

- d. Frederick Nash Greer.
  - e. Hallie Read Greer, mar. — Hardwick.
  - f. Odien Learcy Greer, student (1900) at Columbia Univ., N. Y.
- C. Clement Carrington Read, b. Jan. 10, 1837, in Kanawa Co., Va.; d. July 13, 1893, in New Bedford, Mass.; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1856; M.A. Univ. of Virginia, 1858; C. S. A. Stanton Hill Artillery, private, serg't, acting captain, from Aug., 1861, to surrender; lawyer, teacher, chemist, writer; mar. Aug. 7, 1872, in Cumberland Co., Va., Mary Carrington Johnson, (gr-dau. of Tucker Carrington, son of George, son of Paul) b. June 20, 1847; d. Jan. 25, 1913. Children:
1. Elizabeth Carrington Read, b. June 5, 1873, in Virginia; mar. Sept. 20, 1900, Ralph Adams Cram of Boston, Mass. (architect, lecturer, author; b. Hampton Falls, N. H., Dec. 16, 1863, son of Rev. William Augustine and Sara Elizabeth (Blake) Cram. Litt.D. Princeton, 1910; LL.D. Yale, 1915. One of the most distinguished architects and writers of today (1924). (See: *Who's Who*). Children:
    - a. Mary Carrington Cram, b. Nov. 9, 1901; mar. Sept. 2, 1922, Jerome Crosby Greene, electric engineer, A.B. Harvard University. Children:
      - (1) Jerome Davis Greene, 2nd, b. May 27, 1923, in Boston, Mass.
      - b. Ralph Wentworth Cram, b. Sept. 18, 1904.
      - c. Elizabeth Strudwick Cram, b. Aug. 29, 1913.
  2. Susan Nash Read, b. June 24, 1875; mar. June 24, 1897, Shepperd Strudwick of Hillsboro, N. C. Children:
    - a. William Shepperd Strudwick, b. June 19, 1899; d. Apr. 4, 1905.
    - b. Clement Read Strudwick, b. Apr. 16, 1900.
    - c. Shepperd Strudwick, II, b. Sept. 22, 1907.
    - d. Edmund Strudwick, b. Dec. 27, 1909.
  3. Mary Johnson Read, b. Feb. 26, 1878; mar. Mar. 13, 1922, John Sinnickson Allen of South Orange, N. J. Children:
    - a. Susanne Strudwick Allen, b. Apr. 10, 1923.
  4. Maria Strudwick Read, b. Apr. 10, 1880.
  5. William Tucker Read, b. Apr. 8, 1882; mar. July 17, 1909, Sara Kirby Hicks of New Bedford, Mass. Children:
    - a. Mary Hicks Read, b. Feb. 19, 1911.

6. Clement Carrington Read, b. Nov. 29, 1885, in New Bedford, Mass.; A.B. Harvard University; M. A. Princeton; lives in New York.

D. Mary Read, b. 1839, d. y.

E. Edmund Strudwick Read, b. in Va., July 27, 1842; studied at Bingham's School, N. C.; C. S. A., at eighteen, enlisted in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade, 27th Va. Reg.; Lieut. in "Jackson County Rangers," a squadron of cavalry, recommended by Gen. Lee for bravery on the field; he was commissioned Lieut. in Regular C. S. A., Oct., 1861, elected Capt. Co. B, 26th Regulars, Army of Northern Va., June, 1862; commissioned Lieut. Col. by Gen. Breckinridge, near the end of war; wounded three times; captured once, but escaped; at the close of the War became a tobacconist in Louisville, Ky.; mar. Aug. 25, 1871, in Mecklenburg Co., Va., Mary Sturdivant, dau. of John Sturdivant and his wife, Alice Riddle (who mar. II, Col. William Baskerville). Children:

1. Alice Read, b. 1872, in Va., mar., 1895, Shelley Rouse, [lawyer, A.B.; M.A., Center College, Ky; B.L., Univ. of Cincinnati; son of Hon. Thos. Rouse of Crittenden, Ky. and Nancy (Henderson) Rouse.] Children:

a. Shelley Rouse, b. Nov. 27, 1902, in Covington, Ky.

2. Frederick Nash Read, b. 1873, in Va.; mar. Dec., 1894, Louise Ludlow Bryant, dau. of James Bryant of Boston, Mass., and Helen Ludlow, gr.-dau. of Israel Ludlow, one of the founders of Cincinnati. Children:

a. Dorothy Read, b. 1895; mar. Erich Volkman, of Boston, Mass. Children:

(I) Erich Volkman, Jr. (II) A daughter.

3. Edmund Strudwick Read, Jr., b. Sept., 1874, in Ky.; mar. Sept., 1894, Grace Meehan, dau. of Capt. Jas. Meehan and Eleanor (Childs) Meehan. Children:

a. Augustus R. Lee Read.

4. John Sturdivant Read, b. 1876, in Ky.; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; M.D., Long Island Medical College, Brooklyn, N. Y.; mar. Mrs. Virginia Anderson McAllister.

5. Keith Morton Read, of Savannah, Ga., b. July, 1881, in Ky.; mar. July, 1908, in Dallas, Texas, Virginia Rice, dau. of John Knox Rice and Virginia Wheadon. Children:

a. Keith Morton Read, Jr., b. 1909, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

b. Alice Read, b. Savannah, Ga., 1914.

c. Virginia English Read, b. Savannah, Ga., 1919.

6. Mary Sturdivant Read, b. 1884, lived one month.

F. Nicholas Cabell Read, b. 1843, in Va.; d. 1887, in Corsicana, Texas; C. S. A. wounded (eventually died of a shot through the lungs), lawyer, Prosecuting Attorney of Navarro Co., Texas; mar. Ellen E. Wood, dau. of Francis Peyton Wood and Pauline Embra Scott. Children:

1. William Nash Read, of "Hazel Hedge," Montgomery, Ala., b. 1872; mar. (I) Marie ——. Children: a. one, d. y.; mar. (II) Jean Craick, of Montgomery, Alabama. Children: a. Nicholas Cabell Read.

2. John Archer Read, Judge of the 65th District, Houston, Texas.

3. Isaac Read, V.; mar. Mary Houston of Baltimore, Md. Lives in Augusta, Ga.

G. William Watkins Read, b. 1845, in Va.; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., 1914; educated at Annapolis. When Civil War was declared, he left the Academy just before graduation and entered Confederate Navy, where he became Lieut. Commander. He married Helen Barrow of Tennessee.

H. Henry Nash Read, M.D., b. 1849, in Va.; d. 1917, in Brooklyn, N. Y.; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; fought with the engineers during last year of Civil War (enlisted at 15) and was wounded. He studied medicine, graduating at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he later had the Chair of Pediatrics till his death. He was a successful and distinguished physician. He mar. (I) Elizabeth Sargent of N. E.; mar. (II) 1885, Ella Lewis, dau. of Charles de Launay Lewis and Elizabeth Waring Lewis of N. Y. Children:

1. Frederick Nash Read, b. 1887; d. 1888.

2. Henry Lewis Read, b. 1889; mar. 1922, Martha MacLeod. Children:

a. Della MacLeod Read, b. 1923.

3. Edmund Isaac Read, b. 1893.

IV. Nicholas Cabell Read, d. March 17, 1873; mar. (I), 1832, Clarissa Jane Read, b. Dec. 20, 1812, dau. of Rev. Clement Read and Clarissa Jane Edmunds. Children:

A. Anne Mayo Read, mar. Henry C. Slaughter. Children:

1. J. Edmonia Slaughter.

2. Harry C. Slaughter.

3. Stonewall Jackson Slaughter (of Danville, Va.).

B. Clement Read (of Read Phosphate Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y.)  
d. in Brooklyn, N. Y.

C. Jane Read, d. s.

D. George Read went to sea as a boy and has never been heard from.

Nicholas Cabell Read, mar. (II), Dec. 24, 1856, Margaretta E. Mitchell of Fredericksburg, Va. No children.

V. Sarah Embra Read, b. Sept. 28, 1811; d. Sept. 12, 1855; mar. May 7, 1834, Isaac Coles Carrington, b. Aug. 11, 1811, of "Sylvan Hill," Charlotte Co., Va., youngest son of Judge Paul Carrington, Jr. Children:

A. Robert Carrington, b. Aug. 22, 1835; d. Feb. 11, 1898; mar. Apr. 11, 1879, Jennie Ash. Children:

1. Mildred Carrington, b. 1878; mar. Mr. Semple.

B. Isaac Read Carrington, b. July 20, 1837; d. June, 1855.

C. Mildred Coles Carrington, b. Nov. 2, 1839; d. Jan. 1, 1923; mar. Oct. 21, 1863, William Allen Carrington; [M.D. Univ. of Va., 1850; b. 1830; d. July 17, 1866, son of Paul S. Carrington of "Ridgeway," son of Judge Paul Carrington, Jr., and Emma Catherine Cabell.] Children:

1. Edgar Wirt Carrington, lawyer, b. 1865; d. 1894.

D. Edward Lightfoot Carrington, M.D., b. Sept. 23, 1841; d. 1885; mar. Lydia Hodges of Crittendon Co., Ky.

E. Anna Mayo Carrington, b. Oct. 11, 1843; d. June 16, 1918; mar. Jan. 5, 1870, Rev. John Hartwell Harrison of Amelia Co., Va. Children:

1. Isaac C. Harrison, b. Dec. 18, 1870; mar. Jan. 24, 1899, Rosalie Smith, dau. of Prof. Francis Smith of the Univ. of Va. and his wife, Mary Stuart Harrison. Children:

a. Francis Henry Harrison.

b. Mary Stuart Harrison.

c. Anne Carrington Harrison.

d. John Hartwell Harrison.

e. Carrington Harrison, Jr.

2. Sarah Embra Harrison, b. Aug. 8, 1874.

3. Joseph Hobson Harrison, b. May 12, 1879; mar. Jan., 1914, Bessie Smith. Children:

a. Robert M. Harrison, b. 1915.

- b. Joseph Hobson Harrison, Jr., b. 1919.
- 4. Robert C. Harrison, b. Mar. 23, 1881.
- 5. Fred Nash Harrison, b. June 18, 1887; mar. Jan. 23, 1919, Virginia Robertson. Children:
  - a. Frederick Nash Harrison, Jr.
  - b. Jacqueline Marshall Harrison.
- 6. James Davis Harrison, b. Mar. 1, 1889; mar. Mary Green. Children:
  - a. Mary Green Harrison. b. Jean Boylan Harrison. c. Ann Carrington Harrison.
- F. Fred. Nash Carrington, b. Feb. 4, 1846; d. May 11, 1899; mar. Alma G. Jackson, an artist. Children:
  - 1. Frederick William Carrington, b. 1888; mar. June, 1919, Carey Dabney. Children:
    - a. Frederick William Carrington, Jr. b. Page Nelson Carrington.
- G. Sarah Pauline Carrington, b. Feb. 15, 1848; d. June 8, 1865.
- H. Arthur Hartwell Carrington, b. Feb. 22, 1850; d. 1893; a Roman Catholic Priest.
- I. Mary Louisa Carrington, b. Feb. 25, 1852; d. Jan. 1, 1863.
- J. Isaetta Read Carrington, b. Sept. 12, 1855; d. Oct. 27, 1923; mar. Edward Carrington Cabell, lawyer, b. Jan. 4, 1850; d. June 13, 1883, son of Robert Gamble Cabell and Margaret Sophia Caskie of Richmond, Va. Author of: *Seen From the Saddle; Thoughtless Thoughts of Carisabel*.
- VI. Mary Louise Read, b. Apr. 15, 1813; mar. May 6, 1835, Rev. David Comfort, a Presbyterian minister from Princeton, N. J. (a Northern man and a Northern sympathizer during the Civil War). They lived at "Moldavia," Charlotte Co., Va. Children:
  - A. Samuel Comfort, a student at Princeton, 1861; ran away from College to enlist in the Southern Army; died almost immediately of fever. He is buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va., in the portion belonging to his uncle, Joseph Finley McIlwaine.
  - B. Kate Comfort, mar. Rev. John McKelway, a Presbyterian minister, [A.B. of Princeton Univ.; B.D. Princeton Theological Seminary.] Children:
    - 1. Alexander Jeffrey McKelway, b. Oct. 6, 1886; d. Apr. 16, 1918; mar. 1891, Ruth Smith (bapt. Lavinia Rutherford Smith), youngest daughter of Benjamin Mosby Smith of "Montrose," Powhatan Co., Va., Prof. of Oriental Litera-

ture in Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney College, Va. (He belongs to the Venable clan—his mother was Judith Mosby and her mother a Michaux). A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; B.D. Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney; Home missionary in North Carolina; Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee; author of many articles on child labor. Children:

a. Kate Comfort McKelway, b. Fayetteville, N. C., Apr., 1892; d. Aug. 20, 1897.

b. Benjamin Mosby McKelway, b. Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 2, 1895; served in World War, Second Lieut. Infantry, 80th Division, came back First Lieut. on staff of his general; now City Editor, *The Evening Star*, Washington, D. C.; mar. Margaret Prentiss of Washington, D. C. Children:

(I) Ben Bosby McKelway, b. Oct. 19, 1921.

(II) Wm. Prentiss McKelway, 2nd, b. Oct. 2, 1922.

c. Alexander Jeffrey McKelway, b. Feb. 2, 1898, Charlotte, N. C.; though under age, served in Naval Aviation Corps in Panama, in World War; now a theological student in Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

d. Ruth Morrison McKelway, b. Aug. 10, 1901, in Charlotte, N. C.

e. St. Clair McKelway, b. 1905, in Charlotte, N. C., now a reporter on *The Washington Herald*.

2. David Comfort McKelway, a very successful insurance man, b. about 1868, killed, not long ago, in Pittsburgh by a speed maniac. He married Clara Dalziel. Children:

a. Edith McKelway. b. Janet McKelway. c. Dalziel McKelway.

C. David Comfort, mar. Lottie McIntosh. Children:

1. Davis Comfort.

2. Kate Comfort.

3. Benjamin Comfort.

D. James Comfort, mar. Kate Garrett. Children:

1. Mary Comfort, mar. Bolton McBride.

2. Jean Comfort.

E. Sarah Comfort, mar. Frank Ben Watkins. Children:

1. Loulie Watkins, mar. Terrill Ramsay. Children:

- a. Sarah Ramsay. b. Iſa Ramsay. c. Nannie Ramsay. d. Frank B. Ramsay. e. Burdette Ramsay.
- 2. Nannie Watkins, mar. Dr. Peter John. Children:
  - a. Ruth John. b. Frances John. c. Louise John. d. Tom John. e. —. f. —. g. John John.
- 3. Jane King Watkins, d. s.
- 4. David Comfort Watkins, mar. Frances Sydnor, died s. p.
- 5. Joel Watkins, mar. Isabel Rutherford. Children:
  - a. Joel Watkins, Jr. b. Thomas Rutherford Watkins. c. David Comfort Watkins. d. William Romney Watkins.
- VII. Anne Cabell Read, b. 1815; d. y.
- VIII. Paulina Cabell Read, b. Mar. 29, 1819; d. s.
- IX. William Watkins Read, b. Nov. 14, 1821; mar. at "Ingleside," Oct. 15, 1845, Paulina Edmonia Carrington, b. at "Retirement," Oct. 22, 1825, dau. of Col. Henry Carrington and Louisa Elizabeth Cabell. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; studied law under Judge Lomax at Fredericksburg, Va. Children:
  - A. Maria Carrington Read, b. at "Ingleside," Mar. 8, 1847; mar. at "Greenfield," Jan. 18, 1872, Thomas Algernon Watkins of N. C. Children:
    - 1. Edmonia Carrington Watkins, b. July 1876.
    - 2. Henrietta Reynolds Watkins, b. Dec. 9, 1883.
    - 3. Virginia Douglass Watkins, b. June 18, 1887.
  - B. Louisa Cabell Read, b. at "Ingleside," May 4, 1848; mar. at "Greenfield," Sept. 15, 1875, Isaac Read IV of N. Y., son of Isaac Read III and Susan Mary (Nash) Read. *See record of Isaac Read III.*
  - C. William Howard Read, b. Jan. 14, 1850; d. Sept. 21, 1890; mar. May 13, 1885, Mary Louise Pierce of N. Y. Mrs. Mary Louise (Pierce) Read mar. (II) — Bunting.
  - D. Edmonia Blair Read, b. at "Ingleside," Nov. 23, 1851; mar. Jan. 29, 1878, Hon. Miles Macon Martin of San Juan, Porto Rico. Children:
    - 1. Edmonia Blair Martin, b. Nov. 14, 1878; d. s., 1923.
    - 2. Alexander Martin, b. June 5, 1881; mar. Elizabeth —.
    - 3. John Martin, b. Feb. 9, 1885; mar. —.
    - 4. William Watkins Martin, b. July 9, 1889.
  - E. Annie Venable Read.
  - F. Sarah Embra Read, b. at "Greenfield," Sept. 12, 1853; mar. Jan. 12, 1882, John Martin, d. July 19, 1889. Children:



1. William Watkins Martin, b. Dec. 17, 1883; mar. Cornelia Blair Constable of Richmond, Va. Children:
  - a. Mary Read Martin, b. Mar. 21, 1910.
- G. Henry C. Read, b. 1858; d. 1863.
- H. James Alexander Read, b. 1860; d. 1864.
- I. Abram Carrington Read, b. 1863; mar. Gulielma Seabrook Lawton of Savannah, Ga. Children:
  - a. Anne Carrington Read.
- J. Agnes Elizabeth Read, b. Feb. 19, 1865; mar. Apr. 3, 1890, John A. Lancaster, son of Robert A. Lancaster of Richmond, Va. Children:
  1. Mary Ely Lancaster, b. Mar. 20, 1891.
  2. Edmonia Carrington Lancaster, b. Nov. 16, 1892.
- K. Isaac Mayo Read, mar. Margaret Preston Darby of Charleston, S. C. Children:
  1. John Read.
  2. William Read.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Anne Mayo (Venable) Read of "Greenfield," Charlotte County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER V

MARY CARRINGTON (VENABLE) WOMACK  
OF "RETREAT," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HER DESCENDANTS

MARY CARRINGTON VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Aug. 23, 1786; d. Dec. 28, 1867; mar., 1807, William M. Womack, of Prince Edward Co., Va. They lived at their plantation, "Retreat," Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:

- I. Samuel Venable Womack, b. 1808; d. in Louisville, Ky., July, 1869; mar. (I) Amantha Steel of Shelby Co., Ky.; mar. (II) Mary C. E. Beckman of near Fredericksburg, Va. A.B.; A.M. Hampden-Sidney College, 1824-1828.
- II. Joel Watkins Womack, b. Oct. 5, 1810; d. 1885, unmarried.
- III. William M. Womack, b. May 11, 1812; d. July 28, 1861, unmarried. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1831.
- IV. Abram Nathaniel Womack, b. Nov., 1813; d. Oct. 28, 1869. Unmarried.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Mary Carrington (Venable) Womack of "Retreat," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER VI

### CLEMENTINA (VENABLE) REID, OF LYNCHBURG, AND HER DESCENDANTS

CLEMENTINA VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., June 6, 1788; d. Aug. 11, 1841; mar. Dec. 12, 1807, Rev. William Shields Reid, D.D., b. Apr. 21, 1778; d. June 23, 1853 [son of Abram Reid of Chester Co., Penn. (whose father was an emigrant from the north of Ireland about 1740) and Martha Shields, his wife]. William Shields Reid, A.B. Princeton, 1802, studied theology under Rev. Dr. Balch, organizer of Presbyterianism in Georgetown, near Washington, D. C., and under Dr. Moses Hoge, Sr. He was a tutor at Hampden-Sidney College, later, and, for a year after President Alexander's resignation, its president. In 1834, Princeton University conferred upon him the degree of D.D. He was for many years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Va., and President of one of the best female schools in the State. An article published in *Recollections of Lynchburg* by Cabell, speaks of him as a "finished scholar and an eloquent minister." And of his wife, it says, "He married Clementina Venable, a young lady belonging to one of the first families in Virginia, one eminently qualified for the wife of a minister. Of excellent disposition, amiable speech and possessed of a heart without guile, she joined to these the most enthusiastic, tender and romantic devotion to her gifted husband." See: Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*. Children:

- I. Martha Ann Reid, b. Mar. 15, 1809; mar. Apr. 4, 1837, Rev. Philo Calhoun, a professor at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Children:
  - A. William Reid Calhoun, d. y.
  - B. George Calhoun.
  - C. Clement Reid Calhoun, mar. Margaret Miller. This whole family died of yellow fever in Shreveport, La.
  - D. Mary Patterson Calhoun, mar. Mr. Alexander.
  - E. Emma Calhoun, d. y.
  - F. Courtland Calhoun, mar. Lou Hughes.

- II. George Reid, b. Oct. 18, 1810, d. y.
- III. Mary Carrington Reid, b. Aug. 18, 1812; d. May 15, 1837.
- IV. William Shields Reid, Jr., b. Apr. 25, 1814; A.B. Amherst College; B.L. Princeton. "When Virginia seceded, he raised an Artillery Co., refused to take any commission of any kind, volunteered as a private, fought through all the worst of the war, was killed at Malvern Hill. Major Samuel V. Reid, his brother, found in his coat pocket a commission with the rank of Major on Gen. Hugh's Staff, dated the week before."
- V. Margaret Nicholas Cabell Reid, b. Feb. 25, 1816; mar. Nov. 7, 1837, Goodridge Alexander Wilson, M.D., of "Somerset," Granville Co., N. C. Children:
- A. William Reid Wilson, M.D., b. 1839; d. in Dallas, Texas, 1885, surgeon in C. S. A.; mar. (1) Josephine Scott Morton of Richmond, Va. Children:
1. Mary Tazewell Wilson, mar. Joseph William Morton. Children:
    - a. Rev. William Wilson Morton, b. June 22, 1890, Chaplain in France for four years during World War.
    - b. Anne Elizabeth Morton, b. Mar. 22, 1892; mar. June, 1922, Louie Simpson. Children:
      - (1) Mary Elizabeth Simpson, b. Mar. 15, 1923.
    - c. Josephine Scott Morton, b. Jan. 8, 1895.
    - d. Tazewell Norvell Morton, b. Nov. 16, 1896, killed in France in World War.
    - e. Nathaniel Venable Morton, b. Oct. 9, 1898.
    - f. Margaret Reid Morton, b. Nov. 18, 1900.
    - g. Elizabeth Watkins Morton, b. Aug. 16, 1903.
    - h. Goodridge Alexander Morton, b. Oct. 27, 1905.
    - i. Douglas Morton, b. 1908.
  2. Margaret Reid Wilson.
  3. Elizabeth Woodson Wilson, mar. Thomas Vance Kirk. Children:
    - a. William Wilson Kirk, M.D., mar. Harriet Seymour.
  4. William Ringgold Wilson, mar. Kate Bransford. Children:
    - a. William Ringgold Wilson. b. Joe Wilson. c. Katherine Wilson.
  5. Josephine Scott Wilson.
  6. Kate Goodridge Wilson, mar. Chas. H. Taggart of the Dallas, Texas, *Times Despatch*. Children:

- a. William Wilson Taggart. b. Martha Morton Taggart.  
c. Esther Rosamond Taggart. d. Charles Laurence Taggart.

Dr. William Reid Wilson (b. 1839), mar. (II) Bettie Thomas. Children:

7. John Thomas Wilson, mar. Mildred Symes.
8. Cabell Flournoy Wilson, mar. Leone Paulk.
9. Annie Banaman Wilson, mar. Rae Skillern.
10. Clement Reid Wilson.

B. Elizabeth Woodson Wilson, b. 1840, d. 1905.

C. Clementina Reid Wilson, b. 1842.

D. Mary Grace Wilson, b. 1844.

E. Margaret Ringgold Wilson, b. 1846; d. 1885.

F. Nannie Thomas Wilson, b. 1848; mar. Capt. Archie Gregory.

G. Goodridge Wilson, b. 1849, mar. Margaret Frayser. Children:

1. Robert Bentley Wilson, Lieut. in World War.
2. Goodridge Alexander Wilson, mar. Irwin Stark. Children:
  - a. Isabelle Frayser Wilson. b. Edwin Bentley Wilson.
3. Agnes Frayser Wilson, mar. Leslie L. Mason. Children:
  - a. Wm. Wilson Mason.
4. Charles Julian Wilson.
5. William Reid Wilson.
6. Margaretta Rochet Wilson.

H. Ellen Scott Wilson, b. 1852; mar. James N. Daniel. Children:

1. William Goodridge Daniel, mar. Virginia Fife.
2. Jane Reid Daniel, mar. Henry Garrett.
3. Margaret Ringgold Daniel, mar. H. Stovall.
4. Norvell Watkins Daniel, mar. Lois Singleton.
5. James Venable Daniel, mar. Agnes Daniel (no relation).
6. Nellie Wilson Daniel.
7. Edward Abbott Daniel, mar. Anne Sizemore.

VI. Henningham Reid, b. June 6, 1818; mar. Oct. 29, 1844, Samuel

J. Norvell of Cincinnati, Ohio. Children:

A. George Norvell,

B. Samuel Norvell.

C. Nannie Wiatt Norvell.

D. Florence Arthur Norvell.

E. Clement Reid Norvell, volunteered at fifty for service in C. S.

A.; mar. Mattie Culbertson of Covington, Ky. Children:

- r. Reid Norvell. (All three died of yellow fever in New Orleans during the last great scourge.)

F. Betty Pretlow Norvell.

G. Nina Norvell.

H. Carrie Warwick Norvell.

- VII. Clementina Frances Reid, b. Apr. 6, 1820; mar. Nov. 9, 1842, Henry M. Spencer of Clarkesville, Va., son of Thomas Cole Spencer and his first wife, Frances Pearce. Children:

A. Clementina Frances Spencer, b. Nov. 8, 1843; d. about 1903; mar. Apr. 26, 1871, Joseph P. Hunt of Covington, Ky. No children:

B. William Shields Reid. (On account of fondness for his Reid ancestry and on account of the fact that he thought that the name was dying out, he appeared before the legislature in Baltimore, Md., and had the "Spencer" dropped from his name, this with his mother's consent); b. Oct. 28, 1845; d. Sept. 22, 1912; mar. Aug. 4, 1875, Elizabeth Austin Fox, d. Apr. 22, 1922, dau. of Richard and Elizabeth Johnston Fox of Richmond, Va. Children:

1. Bessie Dudley Reid, b. Apr. 13, 1879; d. Aug., 1880.
2. Lucy Friend Reid, b. June 15, 1880.
3. Richard Fox Reid, b. June 15, 1885, accidentally killed, Norfolk, Va., June 4, 1923; mar. May 21, 1912, Gay Langhorne Miller, dau. of Judge Thomas M. Miller and Ann (Patterson) Miller, his wife, of Powhatan Co., Va.

C. Henry Goodridge Spencer, b. May 4, 1847; mar. Dec. 6, 1877, Ella C. Hamilton of Indianapolis, Ind.; d. 1887 or '88. Children:

1. Alpha Spencer, b. about 1879; mar. Edward Hill of Indianapolis, Ind.
2. Stanhope Calhoun Spencer II.
3. Henry Spencer.

D. Stanhope Calhoun Spencer, b. Jan. 6, 1849; d. Nov. 28, 1921, Charlotte, N. C.; mar. Oct. 11, 1871, Lou Wheat of Bedford Co., Va.; she d. at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 9, 1923. Children:

1. Stanhope Reid Spencer, b. July 30, 1872.
2. Lucy Venable Spencer, b. Sept. 17, 1873; mar. Nov. 11, 1896, Samuel Kenney of Ireland. Children: a. Stanhope Spencer Kenny, b. Feb. 25, 1899; mar. 1919, Nellie Vann



of Berkeley, Cal. Children: (1) Robert Kenney. b. Margaret Kenny, b. Nov. 26, 1903; college student, San Jose, Cal. c. George Verner Kenney, b. Mar. 23, 1910. d. Robert Kenney, b. June, 1914; d. Oct. 1920.

3. Harry Joseph Spencer, b. Mar. 2, 1878; mar. Dec. 24, 1904, Olive L. Lawrence of Kansas City, Mo. Children: a. Olive Clifton Spencer, b. May 11, 1908. b. Eleanor Maude Spencer, b. Jan. 2, 1911.

4. Otis Wheat Spencer, b. Jan. 12, 1881; mar. July 20, 1904, Florence Clay of Pawhuska, Okla.; served in Navy during World War.

5. Clementina Sinclair Spencer, b. Oct. 30, 1884; mar. June 12, 1923, Chester A. Momyer of Chicago, Ill. She was, until her marriage, Prof. of Zoölogy at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

E. Mary Coles Spencer, b. July 17, 1850; d. May 14, 1865.

F. Katherine Quinn Spencer, b. Nov. 19, 1852; mar. May 24, 1882, Rev. Frank Harper Hays. Children:

1. Harry Hays, b. about 1883; d. about 1887. 2. Stanhope Hays, b. about 1885; d. July, 1896. 3. Katherine Coe Hays, b. Oct. 9, 1893.

VIII. Agnes Reid, b. Jan. 7, 1822; d. y.

IX. Paul Anna Reid, b. June 8, 1824; d. 1861 or '65.

X. Agnes Jane Reid, b. Feb. 7, 1827 (a noted beauty and belle); mar.

Major Edward F. Abbott, U. S. A., of Sandusky, Ohio. Children:

A. George F. Abbott, mar. Eugenia Garland, of Henderson, Ky. Children: 1. Jean Abbott. 2. Dorothy Abbott.

B. Clemmie Abbott, mar. Franklin Roberts. Children: 1. Ruth Roberts.

XI. Isabella Mildred Reid, b. June 9, 1830; mar. May 6, 1857, Rev. William Bell Williams, an Episcopal clergyman of Richmond, Va., brother of John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of Currency during President Wilson's administration. Children:

A. William Dandridge Williams, d. y.

B. Henry Dandridge Williams, d. y.

C. Carrington Williams, d. age 27 years.

D. Walter Armistead Williams, mar. Alice Marshall Taylor of Richmond, Va. Children:

1. Carrington Williams, M.D., graduate of the Univ. of Va., one of the leading surgeons in Richmond, Va., First Lieut. in

- World War; mar. Frances Miller of Richmond. Children:
- a. Carrington Williams, Jr. b. Mason Miller Williams.
2. Walter Armistead Williams, Jr., graduate of Univ. of Va., lawyer; First Lieut. in World War.
  3. Isabel DeLeon Williams.
  4. Eleanor Marshall Williams.
  5. Alice Taylor Williams.
  6. Mary Warren Williams.
- E. William Reid Williams, Assist. Sec. of War during Woodrow Wilson's last term; mar. Caroline Henderson Powell of Richmond, Va. Children:
1. John Powell Williams, M.D., Univ. of Va., now (1924) Interne St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y. City; First Lieut. World War.
  2. William Reid Williams, Jr., First Lieut. World War.
  3. Mildred Carrington Williams.
  4. Thomas Leigh Williams, chemical engineer, graduate of Univ. of Va.
  5. Shirley Carter Williams, yet at school.
- F. Margaret Cyane Williams, mar. Benjamin Otis Hester, M.D., of North Carolina. Children:
1. Margaret Hester.
  2. Isabel Reid Hester, mar. Rev. John Ridout, Jr., an Episcopal clergyman, now living in Port Arthur, Texas.
  3. Marvin Otis Hester, graduate in law and banking (1924) at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.
  4. Ethel Gray Hester.
- G. Nell Venable Williams.
- H. Jennie Belle Williams.
- XII. Major Samuel Venable Reid, C. S. A., served with Gen. Wise and Gen. Floyd and with Gen. Jackson in the Valley Campaign, and fought in the battles around Richmond, Va. He was wounded at Seven Pines, served as Major on Gen. Whiting's Staff. He mar. Josephine O'Hara of Cincinnati, Ohio. Children:
- A. Willie Shields Reid, mar. Frederick Elliston of Williamstown, Ky.
  - B. Edith Reid, mar. Mr. Forman of Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Clementina (Venable) Reid of Lynchburg, Virginia.*



ELIZABETH (READ) McILWAINE

MARY GRACE (VENABLE) DANIEL

ISABELLA MILDRED (REID) WILLIAMS

## CHAPTER VII

### HENNINGHAM CARRINGTON (VENABLE) ANDERSON OF "PROVIDENCE," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA., AND HER DESCENDANTS

HENNINGHAM CARRINGTON VENABLE, b. Jan. 19, 1790, at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Sept. 12, 1861; mar. about 1815, Rev. Robert Anderson (b. 1790, in Tenn.; d. 1820), pastor of the old Providence Church, Rockbridge Co., Va. His mother, Margaret Woods, was daughter of Andrew and Martha Woods, who lived near Lexington, Ky., from whom, over four hundred ministers and Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian church are known to trace their descent. The noble and heroic deeds of Martha Woods, who lived in pioneer days in Kentucky, are a matter of history. Henningham Venable's own estate inherited from her father was called "Providence" (Bishop Meade, in his *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, says that the name "Providence" was given this plantation on account of the fact that once in a severe storm which ravaged the whole country round, this place was miraculously preserved from destruction), and was situated in Cumberland Co., Va. Children:

I. Robert Carrington Anderson, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., July 12, 1817; d. at Massanetta Manse, Rockbridge Co., Va., Oct. 10, 1906, buried at Cross Keys, Rockbridge Co., Va. He was educated by private tutors and at Hampden-Sidney College (graduated with second honor, 1836); post-graduate work at the Univ. of Va., 1836-1838; trustee of Hampden-Sidney College for sixty years. He mar. (I), about 1838 Fannie Parke Poindexter (d. 1874), dau. of Parke Poindexter of Chesterfield Co., Va., and Elizabeth Archer, his wife (she was dau. of Judge Archer of Petersburg, Va.); he mar. (II) in 1877, Mary Batt of Petersburg, Va., dau. of Judge Batt. Children by first wife only:

A. Elizabeth Parke Anderson, b. 1840, at "Providence," Cumberland Co., Va.; d. 1878; mar. about 1860, Rev. George H. Gilmer of Pulaski Co., Va., son of Thomas Walker Gilmer,

former Gov. of Va. and Sec. of War in Harrison-Tyler administration. Children:

1. Thomas Walker Gilmer, b. 1862; first honor Hampden-Sidney College, 1881, connected with one of the departments of the U. S. Gov't., in Washington, D. C.
  2. Robert Anderson Gilmer, b. 1864, drowned at the age of twenty.
  3. Rev. George H. Gilmer, D.D., of Draper, Pulaski Co., Va., b. 1866; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, 1885; mar. about 1887, Maggie Painter. Children:
    - a. Rev. Graham Gilmer, b. about 1890; Honor graduate Hampden-Sidney College, 1909; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, 1913; mar. Lena Tucker.
    - b. Thomas Walker Gilmer, M.D.; A. B. Hampden-Sidney College; M.D. Medical College of Virginia; a medical missionary.
    - c. George H. Gilmer, d. about 1920; B.L. Univ. of Va., Charlottesville, Va.
    - d. Parke Gilmer, mar. and living in Salem, Va.
  4. Ellen Gilmer, b. about 1868; d. 1912, mar. Prof. — Darst of Pulaski Co., Va.
  5. Parke Gilmer, b. about 1870, educated at Draper Academy, Pulaski, Va.
  6. Fannie Gilmer, b. 1872; d. about 1899; mar. about 1894—.
  7. James Gilmer, b. 1876; honor graduate U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; now Lieut. Commander U. S. Navy, retired.
  8. Beverley Gilmer, b. 1876.
- B. Robert Poindexter Anderson, b. at "Providence," Cumberland Co., Va., 1843; d. in Richmond, Va., 1912; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1862; C. S. A., 1861-1865; mar. (I) Frances Mildred Horsley (d. about 1880) of Nelson Co., Va. (*Cabells and Their Kin*, p. 281); mar. (II), 1884, Jeannie Eggleston of Powhatan Co., Va., (d. 1916). Children (by first wife, Frances Horsley):
- r. Mary Cabell Anderson, b. 1870, d. about 1896.
  2. Fannie Poindexter Anderson, b. 1872; mar. —.
  3. Parke Poindexter Anderson, b. about 1877; mar. Edward Gannaway.

4. Roberta Anderson, b. about 1879; d. about 1891.

Children (by second wife, Jennie Eggleston):

5. Emmiline Anderson, b. 1890; mar. Augustus Britt of Baltimore, Md.
6. Robert Poindexter Anderson, b. in Richmond, Va., 1892; mar. 1910 —.

C. Margaret Woods Anderson, b. at "Providence," Cumberland Co., Va., Sept. 13, 1846; d. in Augusta Co., Va., Jan. 4, 1823; mar. Rev. George Langhorne Brown, b. in Salem, Va., Sept. 7, 1845; d. at "Shemariah Manse," Augusta Co., Va., Feb. 24, 1915 (son of J. R. C. Brown and Mary Williams, dau. of James Williams of S. C. and granddaughter of William Bryan, emigrant, who settled in Salem, Va., and died in the latter part of last century, age 104, ancestor of William Jennings Bryan, the "Great Commoner"); C. S. A., Co. A., First Virginia Artillery (1862-1865); first honor graduate Roanoke College, 1868; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va., 1871. Children:

1. Rev. J. R. Calloway Brown, a Presbyterian minister of Richmond, Va.; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1895; post graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, 1899-01, Hopkins Honorary Scholarship; Director of Schools of English, Bauan, Philippine Island, 1901-1903; Instructor Spanish and Mathematics, Va. Poly. Inst., 1903-1904; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, 1906; member of Staff of Virginia State Library, Richmond, 1913-1924; mar. 1911, Effie Bucher, dau. of Dr. D. A. Bucher of Norfolk, Va., and his wife, Anne Lindsey, dau. of Andrew Lindsey and his wife, Margaret Slaven, of Bridgewater, Va. (Dr. Bucher is a direct descendant of the distinguished pastor and reformer, Rev. John Christian Bucher, who emigrated from Geneva, Switzerland, to Gettysburg, Penn.) Children:

- a. Callaway Brown, b. 1912. b. Annie Brown, b. 1914. c. Virginia Brown, b. 1916. d. Henry Poindexter Brown, b. 1918. e. Ralph Lindsey Brown, b. 1918. f. William Edward Brown, b. 1922; d. 1922.

2. Rev. George Langhorne Brown of Graham, Texas; A.B. (first honor), Bridgewater College; student at the University of Nashville, Tenn., 1894; B.D. Union Theological Seminary,

- 1898; mar. 1914, Minnie Bischoff of Washington College, Tenn. Children: a. Allen Bischoff Brown.
3. Fannie Poindexter Brown, mar. 1898, Carl G. Bowers of Carrollton, Mo., banker. Children:
- a. Margaret Bowers, b. 1890; student at Univ. of Mo.
  - b. Carl Brown, b. 1902, student of Mining Engineering, Univ. of Mo.
  - c. Elouise Brown, student at Virginia State Woman's College, Harrisburg, Va.
  - d. Virginia Brown, student at Virginia State Woman's College, Harrisburg, Va.
4. Mary Jane Brown, mar. 1910, Rev. J. W. Howell of Carrollton, Mo., d. 1921. Children:
- a. Arthur Howell, b. 1912. b. Mary Howell, b. 1916.
5. Hon. J. Sinclair Brown of Roanoke, Va., banker; member of the Virginia House of Delegates since 1915; member of the staff of Governor Trinkle; chairman of the Appropriation committee; representative of House on State Budget; mar. 1907, Jane Johnston, dau. of James Johnston, Esq., of Salem, Va., and his wife, Jane Lewis, granddaughter of Gen. Andrew Lewis of the Revolution. Children: a. James Sinclair Brown, b. 1909. b. Lucy Johnston Brown, b. 1912.
6. William Edward Brown, M.D., chief of Medical Staff, Blue Ridge Sanatorium, Charlottesville, Va.; mar. 1910, Louise Jones, dau. of Paul Jones, Esq., of Buckingham Co., Va.
7. Margaret Woods Brown, mar. 1915, George Franklin Cole of Augusta Co., Va. Children:
- a. George Franklin Cole, b. 1916. b. John Edward Cole, b. 1918. c. Mary Frances Cole, b. 1920. d. Annie Margaret Cole, b. 1922.
- D. Henningham Anderson (a man by the way), b. 1850; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1871; d. 1884, unmarried.
- E. Fannie Lightfoot Anderson, b. 1852; mar. Judge Alexander Hall of Buckingham Co., Va.; d. 1883. Children:
- 1. Robert Anderson Hall, b. 1878, planter, of Buckingham Co., Va.; mar. 1905, Pocahontas Gantt of Nelson Co., Va.
  - 2. Fannie Hall, b. 1880; mar. 1908, Rev. Charles Barrell of Buckingham, Court House, Va.
  - 3. Jean Hall, b. 1883.
- F. Henry Watkins Anderson, M.D., of Covington, Va., b. 1856;

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A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1877; M.D. Baltimore Medical College, 1883; mar. (I) 1887, Willie Bell of Covington, Va. (d. 1895); mar. (II) 1897, Alvia Smith, dau. of Zedekiah Smith and his wife — Chewning of Spottsylvania Co., Va. Children by first wife:

1. Ellen Poindexter Anderson, b. 1888; d. 1895.
2. Margaret Woods Anderson, b. 1890, d. 1913; mar. 1910. Mr. Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio.
3. Lanier Anderson, b. 1892; d. 1895.

Children by second wife:

4. Henry Watkins Anderson, b. 1898.
5. Mary Parke Anderson.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Henningham (Venable) Anderson, of "Providence," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*





NATHANIEL E. VENABLE  
(1791-1846) of "Longwood"

MARY EMBRY (SCOTT) VENABLE  
(1793-1865)

## CHAPTER VIII

### NATHANIEL E. VENABLE OF "LONGWOOD," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA., AND HIS DESCENDANTS

NATHANIEL E. VENABLE of "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Dec. 5, 1791; d. at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va., Sept. 21, 1846; mar. about 1813 Mary Embry Scott, b. 1793, at "Falkland," Halifax Co., Va.; d. Nov. 11, 1865, at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va. She was the daughter of Capt. Charles Scott (a Cornet in the Revolutionary Army, member of the original Society of the Cincinnati, and Priscilla Reade, dau. of Col. Isaac Reade, Sr. (name spelled with the final "e" in all old records), of "Greenfield," Charlotte Co., Va., also a Revolutionary soldier. Nathaniel E. Venable, graduated from Hampden-Sidney College in 1808. He was while there one of the founders of the Philanthropic Society. The records of the War Department say of him:

#### *Extract from Records of the War Department*

Nathaniel E. Venable served in the War of 1812 as a sergeant in Capt. John Clark's Company of Infantry of the 63rd Regiment Virginia Militia, attached to the 4th Regiment Virginia Militia, organization also designated 4th Regiment Virginia Militia. His service commenced December 23, 1813, he was appointed adjutant of the Regiment (14th Virginia Regiment) April 6, 1814, and discharged April 11, 1814.

The records also show that one Isaac Reade (surname also borne as Read and Reid) served in that war as a Lieutenant Colonel in the 4th Battalion of Virginia, and as a Colonel in the 1st Virginia Regiment. His name appears on an undated list, "of Field Officers in the service of Virginia," which shows Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Battalion. Date of commission, February 13, 1776. Promoted or declined, made Colonel. His name also appears on an undated schedule "of Promotions in Generals Weedon and Woodford's Brigades, Virginia Line," which shows: Christian's resignation June 5, 1776, promoted Lieutenant Colonel Read to be Colonel. His name first appears on a record of the 1st Virginia Regiment dated September 30, 1776, and last appears on a record dated November 5, 1776.

The name Isaac Reade or similar name has not been found on the records, on file in this office, of the 9th Virginia Regiment, Revolutionary War.

Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, an unofficial publication, entitled to credit, shows: "Read, Isaac (Virginia) Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Virginia, 13th February, 1776; Colonel, 9th Virginia, 13th August, 1776; transferred to 4th Virginia, 17th December, 1777, died 4th September, 1778."

The records also show that one Charles Scott served in that war as a cornet in the 1st Regiment Light Dragoons, Continental Troops. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown by the records of this office. His name first appears on an extract from General Orders November 2, 1782, Ashley Hill, South Carolina dated November 9, 1782. "The 1st and 3d Regiments Light Dragoons to be incorporated into one Regiment. This arrangement to take place immediately and to be reported as soon as completed," and is last borne on a Paymaster General's Return of Specie pay due the Officers of the Virginia Line, Return, dated January 10, 1786, shows that he continued in service to the end of the war.

Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, an unofficial publication entitled to credit, shows: "Scott, Charles (Virginia) Cornet, 1st Continental Dragoons, —, 1781; retained in Baylor's Regiment of Dragoons, 9th November, 1782, and served to close of war."

He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate, and a trustee of Hampden-Sidney College from Sept. 25, 1827, until his death.

He was a man of large business, at first in partnership with his father under the firm of Venable and Venable. An analysis of the business of this firm, along with that of its predecessor and successor, would explain much of the old conditions of business throughout South-side Virginia. The firm bought tobacco and shipped it out by roller and wagon and flat boat. They brought in dry goods and supplies, operated flour mills, saw mills, and tanneries, speculated in land and promoted the building of towns. The Financial stress of 1837-1840 was disastrous to Mr. Venable. If his business had been simpler, he might not have become so involved. [From a sketch by A. J. Morrison.]

His residence, "Longwood," a place containing 1181 acres, came into his possession by inheritance, as part of the estate of his uncle, Abram B. Venable, who was burned in the Richmond Theater. It had been pur-



"LONGWOOD," PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
A bit of the old garden at Longwood

chased from Judge Peter Johnstone, June 2, 1811. The rambling, story and a half frame cottage, much like that at "Slate Hill," in which General Joseph E. Johnstone was born, was burned shortly after it came into the hands of Nathaniel E. Venable. The present house was built to replace it. The following paragraphs from a sketch (pub. 1901) of Charles Scott Venable by Mr. Wm. M. Thornton, LL.D., of the University of Virginia, will give some idea of the life there:

A broad, level lawn, shadowed by spreading trees, with grass growing long and green and thick up to their very trunks, and calves and young colts grazing in the dappled shade; a big garden stretching away in the rear with democratic mingling of cabbages and roses and violets and onions, and beds all abloom with the sweet old flowers of our grandmothers, and bushes loaded with curious fruits; and in the midst, the old square house with its great wide hall and its high pitched rooms, dim and cool and fragrant, and its floors polished like mirrors and slippery as ice itself, and the stately old lady, with delicate white cap and black silk gown, serenely beautiful in her honored age,—this was "Longwood," as the writer of this sketch calls it back out of the shadows of forty years. We lads rode the calves and the colts, and fished in the tiny streams, and chased the hares over the hills with dogs and little niggers, and led the wholesome, free, outdoor life of a Virginian boy in those primitive times.

Nothing better for making men than that simple old-fashioned Virginian life has yet been seen. It was cursed with neither poverty nor riches. Its ambitions were neither sordid nor splendid. There were many exercises and every healthy wholesome boy delighted in them. There were good old English books and all—young and old alike—read and loved them. There was a noble tradition of hospitality, and friends and strangers passed and repassed those open doors and gathered about that bounteous board, bringing the talk and thoughts of many states and many lands. There was a good old Calvinistic reverence for duty, and the axiom of life read that the manly thing was to do it—not shirk it. And then transfusing it all was a simple sincere piety—a shade austere, it may be, but genuine and effectual, raising no questions of creed or canon, but bent "to do justice and love mercy and to walk humbly with God."

*Will of Mary Embry (Scott) Venable, Wife of Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I, Mary E. Venable do make this my last will.

1. My daughters Mary P. Venable and Agnes C. McGehee having been provided for by my late husband, I make no bequest to them in this will.

2. I give my household and kitchen furniture to my other children (excepting that given to my daughter Fanny)

3- I give to my daughter Fanny I Carrington my Piano & my large mahogany bedstead & bed clothes.

4. I give to my children Paul C. Venable and Sarah S. Venable my dwelling house and two hundred acres of land (on which said dwelling house is located) the said two hundred acres of land to be laid off by said Paul C. Venable without prejudice to the interests of the parties interested in the remainder of my land.

5. I charge the remainder of my estate real and personal with the payment of my debts, and my executors are directed to pay all debts due from me justly, whether the payment thereof is barred by the law of limitations or not.

6. The whole of my property (not herein before devised) that is to say, the remainder of my estate after satisfying the debts and special legacies above mentioned, I give to my sons Samuel Woodson Venable, Charles S. Venable, Elizabeth G. Carrington, Nath'l H. Venable & Fanny I. Carrington to be divided between them by sale and division of the proceeds of sales or otherwise as my executors shall think best.

7. I appoint my sons Samuel W. Venable and Chas. S. Venable Executors of this my will & I direct that no security shall be required of them or either on their official bond.

8. The portion of my estate devised to Elizabeth G. Carrington I give to Charles S. Carrington in trust for the sole use & control of said E. G. Carrington, and only the legal title being designed to be vested in said C. S. Carrington. She is hereby authorized to use & control said property as though she were not married, with power to convey or devise the same. The part not disposed of in her lifetime shall descend to her children.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my hand & seal this 28th June 1865.

Signed, sealed and  
acknowledged in presence  
of J. W. Womack  
Clemt. C. Read  
A. R. Venable, Jr.  
F. N. Watkins  
S. B. McKinney

Mary E. Venable (Seal)

At a Court held for Prince Edward County March the 19th 1866. This last will and testament of Mary E. Venable, dec'd was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of F. N. Watkins and S. B. McKinney two witnesses thereto, Ordered that the same be recorded. On the motion of Samuel W. Venable Executor herein named, no

security being required by the will, he entered into and acknowledged his bond for the purpose in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law, and took the oath required by law, certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted him.

Teste: B. Worsham D. C.

A copy,

Teste:—Horace Adams Clerk.

*Account of the sale of the property conveyed by N. E. Venable, "Longwood," to N. A. Venable in Trust, by deed bearing date the 22d Sept. 1845, commonly called the Longwood deed, the sale being made 3d Nov. 1847.*

Lot No. 1 being 100 acres with dwelling, being encumbered with life estate, and also land between the 100 acres & the main road east of the dwelling sold to I. Blanton & Henry E. Watkins for					\$4000.
No.	2	being 106	acres sold to Dr. P. C. Venable		2050.
"	3	" 83¾	" do do		1200.
"	4	" 106	" do do		2450.
"	5	" 60	" do do		2500.
"	6	" 74 A. 3 R. 23¾ P.	do		4493.92
"	7	" 5	I. Blanton		905.
"	8	" 5	do		940.
"	9	" 5 A. 1 R. 4¼ P.	W. C. Flournoy		675.20
"	10	" lots Nos. 23 & 24 Moses Survey	P. C. Venable		171.
"	11	" " 7.8.9.10	do do		250.
"	12	" " near Perkinsons	W. C. Flournoy		160.
"	13	" " 25.26	Moses survey P. C. Venable		270.
"	14	" " 5.6.11.12	do I. Blanton		562.
"	15	" " 27.28.29	do P. C. Venable		110.
"	16	" " 3.4.13.14.21.22	do do		430.
"	17	" " 30.31.32	do do		150.
"	18	" " 19.20	do do		365.
"	19	" " 17.18	do do		541.
"	20	" " 15.16.1.2.	do do		440.
"	21	" " 33.	do I. Blanton		80.
"	22	" " 34.41.42	do P. C. Venable		565.
"	23	" " 46	do do		320.
"	24	" " 35.40.43	do W. C. Fournoy		400.
"	25	" " 36.39.44	do do		200.
"	26	" " 37	do do		56.
"	27	" " 38	do do		100.

Gross amt. of sales \$24374.12

Memo. The above are extracts from the sale book of the Clerk at the sale, reference is hereby made to the deeds made by the Trustee in which will be exhibited any changes or variations between the reported and the real purchasers at the sale. And as others than beneficiaries held evidence of the debts secured to be paid by the deed, they or their transferees were allowed to purchase. Reference is also made to a survey made by S. F. Moses made 22d Nov. 1837, of lots near Farmville. The sale was made on a credit of Twelve months from 3d Nov. 1847.

Nath'l A. Venable Trustee

Prince Edward County Court Clerk's Office 4th Dec. 1847.

This account of sales was filed in the office aforesaid, and entered of record.

Teste: B. J. Worsham C. C.

A copy,

Teste:—Horace Adams Clerk.

*Deed—Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va., to his daughter, Mary Priscilla Venable of "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

This Indenture made and entered into this 15th day of December 1834, between Nathaniel E. Venable of the County of Prince Edward of the one part, and Mary P. Venable (his daughter) of the other —,

WITNESSETH: that the said Nathaniel E. Venable hath given, granted bargained and sold unto the said Mary P. Venable a certain tract of land containing three hundred and fifteen acres more or less, it being the same tract of land which was the residence of Wm. Q. Morton, and sold by him to said N. E. Venable by deed recorded in the County Court of Prince Edward; and the said N. E. Venable hath given, granted, bargained and sold the above described land to the said M. P. Venable his daughter, for and in consideration of love & affection, and for the further consideration of Ten dollars, to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. To have and to hold unto her the said M. P. Venable the said above conveyed tract of land, to her and her heirs forever. And the said N. E. Venable for himself, his heirs, executors &c, doth by these presents warrant and defend unto the said Mary P. Venable her heirs and assigns a good and lawful title to said land.



In testimony whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day & year above written.

Nathl E. Venable (Seal)

Prince Edward County Court Clerk's Office 15th December 1834.

This Indenture was acknowledged by Nathaniel E. Venable party thereto, to be his act and deed, and admitted to record.

Teste: B. J. Worsham C. C.

A copy,

Teste:—Horace Adams Clerk.

*Deed of "Longwood" from the heirs of Nathaniel E. Venable to Wright Barber.*

This Deed, made this 1st day of April 1873 between Paul C. Venable and Agnes G. Venable, his wife, Sarah S. Venable and Samuel W. Venable, Exor., of Mrs. Mary E. Venable, dec'd, and C. R. Venable and Alice M. Venable, his wife, of the first part and Wright Barber of the second part, WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the balance of the purchase money to be paid in one and two years with interest at six per centum per annum, the said parties of the first part, have this day sold and by this deed do convey in fee simple to Wright Barber the party of the second part, the tract of land called "Longwood" with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging, containing two hundred acres, reserving the Family Burying Ground, situated in the County of Prince Edward, State of Virginia, and bounded as follows: On the North and east by the Petersburg road, on the south by Old Court House road and T. T. Totty's Est., on the west by the land of A. B. Venable and G. R. Falwell and C. V. McGehee and C. R. Venable. And the parties of the first part do covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed.

Witness the following signatures and seals:

Paul C. Venable	(Seal)
Agnes G. Venable	(Seal)
S. S. Venable	(Seal)
Sam'l W. Venable Exor. of M. E. Venable	(Seal)
C. R. Venable	(Seal)
Alice M. Venable	(Seal)

State of Virginia,  
& County of Prince Edw'd.

I, Jno. H. Knight, a Notary Public for County & State aforesaid, do certify that S. S. Venable whose name is signed to the writing above

bearing date 1, April, 1873, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 1st April, 1873.

Jno. H. Knight N. P.

State of Virginia,

County of Prince Edward, to-wit:

I, J. H. Knight, a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid, do certify that *Glent R. Venable*, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of April 1873, acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid:— And I do further certify, that *Alice M. Venable*, wife of said C. R. Venable, whose name is signed to the said writing, personally appeared before me, in my County aforesaid & being examined by me privily & a part from her said husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said *Alice M. Venable* acknowledged the said writing to be her act, & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 29th., July 1873.

Jno. H. Knight N. P.

State of Va.,

Corporation of Fredericksburg, to-wit:

This day *Paul C. Venable* whose name is signed to the above deed, bearing date the 1st day of April, 1873 personally appeared before me *J. G. Mason*, a *Comr. in Chancery for the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg*, in my said Corporation and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed. And I further certify that *Agnes G. Venable*, wife of *Paul C. Venable*, whose names are signed to said deed, also appeared before me, this day in my said Corporation, and being examined privily and a part from her said husband, and having said deed fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand in my said Corporation this 31st day of August 1873.

J. G. Mason, Comr. in Chancery.

State of Virginia,

City of Petersburg,

I, *Benjamin Harrison*, a Notary Public for the City and State aforesaid, do certify that *Sam'l W. Venable* whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 1 April 1873, has acknowledged the same before me in the City aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 23 day of August 1873.

Benjamin Harrison, Notary Public.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince Edward County, Va., May 29th 1911.

This Deed was this day presented in said office and with certificates of acknowledgement annexed admitted to record.

Teste: Horace Adams, Clerk.

A copy,

Teste:—Horace Adams Clerk.

*Will of Captain Charles Scott of "Falkland," Halifax Co., Va.*

Convinced at all times of the uncertainty of human life and sensible of the importance of leaving our estate by will, in a weak state of health but in my perfect senses, this 29th of January 1819, I make this my last will and testament.

Impremis: I appoint my wife Executrix with my sons-in-law, Nat'l Venable, and Wm. A. Carrington, and my son, Henry, when he is of lawful age, Executors to my will.

Secondly, I wish no security to be required or inventory taken of my Estate.

I wish my Executors to pay all my just and lawful debts from such moneys as shall be on hand or from the proceeds of the whole estate before any division is made. I wish the whole of my real and personal estate except that disposed of in the manner hereafter mentioned to be kept together for the education of my children until the youngest is of age or, if my wife should be alive after that period, until her death, I bequeath my tract of land on Dan River to my three sons: Henry, Charles, and John not to be divided until the youngest is of age.

I leave the whole of my personal estate to be equally divided among my children, the interest of each to be separated from the rest as they are married or become of age, except a negro girl called, Sophia, whom I give to my daughter, Catherine, in place of one left her by her grandmother and afterwards sold.

I leave the interest in all the lots I own in the town of Hudson on Roanoke River to my daughters, the interest of each to be separated from the rest as they are married or become of age . . . after my son Henry has attained the age of twenty five years, I authorize my Executors to lay off to him a portion of my land at the lower end of the tract including the mill, equal in value to one third of the whole tract. Convinced after mature consideration that by that time his estate should be distinct from his brothers and sisters.

Chs. Scott.

Witness

John K. Linn. Thos B. Scott

At a Court Held for Halifax County the 22nd day of March 1819.

The within written last will and testament of Charles Scott, decd., was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of two witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded whereupon on motion of William A. Carrington one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form without giving bond and security liberty being reserved to the other executors and the executrices therein named to join in the probate thereof when they shall think fit.

Teste: Samuel Williams C. H. C.

I E. C. Lacy, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Halifax County in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of Charles Scott which was probated in this Court on the 22nd day of March, 1819.

Given under my hand this the 15th day of June, 1922.

E. C. Lacy,—Clerk

Circuit Court, Halifax County, Va.

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The children of Nathaniel E. Venable and Mary E. Scott:

- I. Agnes Catherine Venable, a famous beauty and belle in her day, mar. (I) her cousin, Nathaniel A. Venable, [A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1832; M.D. University of Penn., 1835; trustee of Hampden-Sidney College; son of William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket."] She married (II) A. Gallatin McGehee of "Prairie Home," Lownds Co., Ala. No children.
- II. Mary Priscilla Venable, b. Oct. 8, 1815; d. Oct. 14, 1881; mar. her cousin, Thomas Frederick Venable, son of William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va. (See: records of that family.)
- III. Sara Scott Venable, an accomplished musician, considered by some to have the elements of genius, d. s.
- IV. Elizabeth Goodridge Venable, "a woman, much admired, and not merely for her distinguished beauty," b. July 21, 1823, at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Feb. 1, 1874; mar. May 28, 1845, her first cousin (she was his first wife), William Fontaine Carrington [b. at "Sylvan Hill," Charlotte Co., Va., Jan. 26, 1822; d. Sept. 14, 1883, at Hot Springs, Ark.; A. B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1841; M.D. University of Penn.; Surgeon U. S. N.; Chief Surgeon, C. S. N.]. He was the son of William Allen Carrington, b. Mar. 3, 1796; d. in Philadelphia, Apr. 25, 1829; mar. Jan. 8, 1819, Sara Embra Scott, [b. Jan., 1800; d. in Staun-

ton, Va., Aug. 12, 1872; dau. of Capt. Charles Scott and Priscilla (Read) of "Falkland," Halifax Co., Va.] Children:

A. Mildred Lightfoot Carrington, b. Oct. 12, 1846; d. Mar. 19, 1883; mar. Apr. 10, 1867 (she was his first wife), Joseph Chappell Hutcheson, lawyer, member of Congress (b. Mecklenburg Co., Va., May 18, 1842; d. May 25, 1924). Children:

1. Elise Nash Hutcheson, b. Apr. 18, 1868, in Anderson, Texas, educated at Miss Nash's School, Hillsboro, N. C., and Miss Huger's in New York City. She mar. Apr. 30, 1890, Edward Young Chapin (b. Oct. 8, 1865) of Petersburg, Ky., a banker in Chattanooga, Tenn. Children:

a. Mildred Carrington Chapin, b. Nov. 24, 1891; d. Apr. 22, 1902.

b. Elise Chapin, b. Feb. 19, 1894, educated at Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey and Smith College; mar. Apr. 28, 1917, William Deaderick Moon (son of J. A. Moon, member of Congress from Tenn. for twenty years), Capt. in the World War, and a lawyer. Children: (I) Mildred Moon. (II) Adeline Moon.

c. Edward Young Chapin, Jr., b. Aug. 10, 1897; A.B. University of Penn.; Lieut. in Navy in World War; mar. Dec. 5, 1921, Doris Carter. Children: (I) Edward Young Chapin, 3rd.

2. Mary Moore Hutcheson, d. age twenty, unmarried.

3. Stella Hutcheson, b. Aug. 23, 1872; mar. Oct. 29, 1895, Lewis Meriwether Dabney (d. July 11, 1923, in Dallas, Tex.), a lawyer, son of Dr. R. L. Dabney of Hampden-Sidney College, Va. Stella Hutcheson was educated in Staunton, Va., and in Philadelphia. Children:

a. Elizabeth Carrington Dabney, b. Mar. 4, 1897, in Dallas, Texas; mar. John Hopkinson Baker, son of Prof. George Pierce Baker, Head of the English Department of Harvard University, and Christina (Hopkinson) Baker. Children: (I) Barbara Carrington Baker, b. July 23, 1924.

b. Lewis Meriwether Dabney, Jr., b. Jan. 31, 1899; A.B. Princeton, 1920; B.L. Harvard Law School, 1924, now (1924) practicing law in Dallas, Texas.

4. Mildred Carrington Hutcheson, b. Aug. 1, 1874; educated in Staunton, Va.; mar. (I) Edward Mügge of Houston, Texas. Children:

- a. Pauline Carrington Mügge, b. Aug. 12, 1897; mar. James Harrison, Assistant Cashier of the National City Bank of N. Y. Children: (I) Mildred Carrington Harrison.
- Mildred Carrington Hutcheson (b. 1874), mar. (II) Paul Kendall Clymer of Ithaca, N. Y. Children: (II) Elizabeth Wakeman Clymer, b. June, 1912.
5. Katherine Lightfoot Hutcheson, d. y. 1876.
6. Charles Sterling Hutcheson, d. age ten.
7. Joseph Chappell Hutcheson, Jr., b. Oct. 19, 1879; A.B. University of Va.; lawyer; Federal Judge, Houston, Texas; mar. Elizabeth Weeden of Austin, Texas. Children:
  - a. Joseph Chappell Hutcheson, 3rd.
  - b. Mary Pye Hutcheson.
8. Allen Carrington Hutcheson, M.D., b. Jan. 23, 1882; A.B. University of Va.; M.D. Columbia University; Missionary to Nanking, China, for sixteen years; mar. 1908, Strausie McCaslin. Children:
  - a. Mildred Carrington Hutcheson.
  - b. Henrietta Hutcheson.
  - c. Allen Hutcheson.
  - d. James Sterling Hutcheson.
9. William Hutcheson, b. Mar. 19, 1883, d. y.
- Joseph Chappell Hutcheson, Sr. (1842-1924), mar. (II), 1886, Mrs. Bettie Palmer Milby of Houston, Texas. Children:
  10. William Palmer Hutcheson.
  11. Rosalie Hutcheson, mar. Mr. Bosworth.
- B. William Allen Carrington, b. at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va., Apr. 30, 1849. Ensign C. S. N.; distinguished lawyer of Houston, Texas, died from an injury in a runaway accident on Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn., July 14, 1892; mar. (I) Nov. 10, 1875, Martha W. (Patty) Love, a niece of J. C. Hutcheson. Children:
  1. William Fontaine Carrington, b. Aug. 22, 1876; d. July 30, 1887.
  2. Patty Love Carrington, b. Sept. 15, 1879; d. July 2, 1889.
- William Allen Carrington (1849-1892), mar. (II) Nov. 16, 1881, Jennie D. Penfield. No children. He mar. (III) June 3, 1889, Katherine Sampson Botts (b. June 3, 1865, Houston, Texas; d. June 1, 1903, Augusta, Ga.) Children:



MILDRED LIGHTFOOT (CARRINGTON) HUTCHESON  
(1846-1883)

MARIA NASH (CARRINGTON) WEEMS  
(1852-1920)

3. Elizabeth Venable Carrington, b. June 29, 1890. d. y.
4. Katharine Lightfoot Carrington, b. in Houston, Texas; mar. Lieut. Com. Grafton Asbury Beall, U. S. N. Children: a. Grafton Asbury Beall, Jr., b. Aug., 1920.
- C. Maria Nash Carrington, b. Feb. 14, 1852 at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Sept. 18, 1920 in Washington, D. C.; mar. Dec. 7, 1876, at the home of her uncle, Samuel Woodson Venable, in Petersburg, Va., Major Benjamin Francis Weems, of Houston, Texas, [b. June 23, 1839; d. June 28, 1923. Adjutant General on Gen. John A. Wharton's Staff, Terry's Texas Rangers, C. S. A., and Adjutant-General of the United Confederate Veterans of Texas.] Children:
  1. Sara Venable Weems, d. y.
  2. Francis Carrington Weems, d. y.
  3. Elizabeth Venable Weems, d. y.
  4. Douglas Ewell Weems, d. y.
  5. Fontaine Carrington Weems, b. May 7, 1884; B.Litt. Princeton, 1907; A.M. Princeton, 1908; Lieut. Col., Gen. Staff, U. S. A., in World War. Distinguished Service Medal, U. S. Gov.; made Officer of the Order of the Crown by the Italian Government.
  6. Benjamin Francis Weems, Jr., M.D., b. Sept. 22, 1886; A.B. Johns Hopkins, 1909; M.D. Johns Hopkins, 1911. Studied at the University of Freiburg, Germany; Capt. U. S. Medical Corps, Base Hospital No. 2, A. E. F.; now (1924) practicing medicine in Washington, D. C.
  7. Wharton Ewell Weems, lawyer, of Houston, Texas; b. Nov. 16, 1889; A.B. M.A. University of Va., 1912; B.L. University of Texas, 1914; Capt. Air Service, U. S. A., in the World War; mar. Nov. 2, 1918, Mathilde Booth of Houston, Texas, b. June 23, 1896. Children:
    - a. Elizabeth Virginia Weems, b. Sept. 4, 1921.
    - b. Benjamin Francis Weems, b. Dec. 14, 1924.
  8. Kate Allen Weems, b. Oct. 10, 1892; mar. Dec. 4, 1915, Henry Rozier Dulany, Jr., of Washington, D. C. Children:
    - a. Juliet Carter Dulany, b. Oct. 8, 1916.
    - b. Benjamin Weems Dulany, b. Aug. 22, 1919.



- D. Austin Downs Carrington, b. Apr. 11, 1856, a cadet at Annapolis, resigned and went West as a mining engineer. He was drowned in Arizona, 1886.
- E. Nathaniel Venable Carrington, b. Nov., 1860; d. y.
- Dr. Wm. Fontaine Carrington (1822-1883), mar. (II) Feb. 25, 1880, Georgianna Barker Adams, b. Sept. 30, 1849. Children:
- F. Anne Fontaine Carrington, b. Mar. 28, 1883; mar. Sept. 23, 1908, William Poindexter Montague. Children:
1. William Poindexter Montague, b. Oct. 1, 1910; d. Aug. 6, 1911.
  2. Anne Carrington Montague, b. Apr. 28, 1913; d. Sept. 18, 1915.
  3. Georgianna Adams Montague, b. Dec. 28, 1915.
  4. Rosalie Young Montague, b. Feb. 22, 1917.
  5. Mary Montague, b. —; d. Dec., 1922.
- V. Samuel Woodson Venable, b. May 7, 1825, at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. in Petersburg, Va., Oct. 13, 1897; mar. Apr. 15, 1852, Elizabeth Travis Carrington, b. Apr. 9, 1824; d. Dec. 9, 1898, [daughter of Edward Jones Carrington, b. June 18, 1797; d. Oct. 16, 1865, and Sarah A. A. Thornton, b. July 24, 1805; d. Sept. 17, 1852; mar. June 5, 1821, a daughter of Capt. Wm. M. Thornton of Cumberland Co., Va.] Samuel Woodson Venable, above mentioned, A.B., A.M. Hampden-Sidney College, 1842; Capt. C. S. A.; trustee of Hampden-Sidney College; tobacco manufacturer. Children:
- A. Edward Carrington Venable, mar. Helen Skipwith Wilmer (d. 1908) daughter of Bishop J. P. B. Wilmer, Bishop of Louisiana. Children.
1. Samuel Woodson Venable.
  2. Edward Carrington Venable, b. Petersburg, Va., July 4, 1884; mar. Apr. 30, 1924, Nancy De Ford, A.B. Princeton, 1906. Enlisted American Ambulance Corps, Field Service, June, 1917; served in France; discharged because of physical disability; entered air service U. S. A., Dec., 1917; recommended 2nd Lieut. Apr., 1918, transferred to Flying Corps; honorably discharged, Feb., 1919; author of several novels and numerous short stories. (See: *Who's Who*.)
  3. Helen Wilmer Venable.
- B. Sara Thornton Venable, mar., 1886, Robert Boykin. Children:

1. Robert Boykin, Jr., b. Dec., 1886; mar. Frances Swift of New York.
2. Edward Carrington Boykin, b. June, 1889, mar. Nancy A. —.
3. Samuel Woodson Boykin, b. Sept., 1893. —
- C. Kate McGehee Venable (d. 1880); mar. Alexander Hamilton. (She was his second wife.) Children:
  1. Elizabeth Venable Hamilton, b. May, 1880.
- D. Nathaniel Venable, b. 1865; d. 1889; mar. Louise Mitchell of Louisville, Ky. Children: Samuel Woodson Venable, d. 1895.
- E. Josephine Venable, mar. 1883, Arthur Seddon [b. Nov. 2, 1854, son of James A. Seddon and Sarah Bruce (see: *Cabells and their Kin*, pp. 332-334)]. Children:
  1. James Alexander Seddon, b. Aug. 23, 1884; d. Sept. 4, 1894.
  2. Samuel Venable Seddon, b. Apr. 24, 1886; mar. Margaret Cameron, daughter of Delia H. (Pepam) Cameron and George Cameron.
  3. Kate Venable Seddon, b. Jan. 19, 1888.
- VI. Charles Scott Venable, b. Apr. 19, 1827, at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 11, 1900; mar. (I) Jan. 16, 1856, Margaret Cantey McDowell, b. in Lexington, Va., Mar. 26, 1836; d. Jan. 15, 1874, dau. of James McDowell (Gov. of Va.; member of Congress) and Susan Preston, dau. of Gen. Francis Preston and Sarah Buchanan Campbell, his wife, dau. of Gen. William Campbell and Sarah Henry, his wife.

Charles Scott Venable entered Hampden-Sidney College in 1839, and graduated in 1842. He was tutor in Mathematics there from 1843 to 1845, studying law at the same time. He spent the session of 1845-6 at the University of Virginia in the study of "Junior Law," Mathematics and Ancient Languages, receiving at the close of the session diplomas in Ancient Languages and Mathematics, and "distinctions" at both examinations in Junior Law. From 1846 to 1852 he was professor of Mathematics in Hampden-Sidney College, but got a furlough and spent the session of 1847-8 at the University of Virginia. He now attended lectures in Modern Languages, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Mixed Mathematics, gaining diplomas in all these branches, besides a proficiency in Mineralogy and Geology. Only a well-trained and mature mind could have undertaken and achieved so colossal a task.

In 1852 he obtained a second furlough for the prosecution of studies

in Germany. In Berlin he studied Astronomy under Encke and in Bonn under Argelander, attending also the lectures of Lejeune Dieichlet and Dove. In 1853 he returned to Hampden-Sidney, and resumed his mathematical teaching, varying his studies by a delightful geological tour in the summer of 1855, with a party headed by Col. Jewett, among the Palæozoic rocks of New York.

In 1856 he was elected to the chair of Natural History and Chemistry in the University of Georgia, and in 1857 to that of Mathematics and Astronomy in the College of South Carolina. He retained the latter position until 1862, but was on leave of absence the last two years of the term. In 1860 he was appointed one of five commissioners to observe the total solar eclipse of July in that year and sailed to Labrador with his party. His report is contained in the *Coast Survey* volume for 1861.

He joined the Congaree Rifles in 1860, as second lieutenant, and went with them to Charleston to help in the attack on Fort Sumner. He fought in the battle of Manassas, as a private in the Governor's Guards, Second South Carolina regiment. After a detail to Vicksburg and the lower Mississippi, he received in 1862 an appointment on the staff of Gen. R. E. Lee, and continued this service until the close of the war. (Note: Gen'l Lee offered to Major A. L. Long, the position of Military Secretary, with rank of Col., and selected for his aides-de-camp, Majors Randolph Talcott, Walter H. Taylor, Charles S. Venable and Charles Marshall). Immediately after the war, he was elected to the chair of mathematics in the University of Virginia.

As an author we first knew him in 1858 by his excellent translation of that fascinating book, Bourdon's *Arithmetic*. After coming to this place, he was led to prepare a series of graded texts for primary and secondary schools, which have won their way, by merit, into extensive demand. Besides these, he felt obliged to print for his own classes compendious treatises on Solid Geometry (analytical), on Differential Equations, and the Calculus of Variations.

Col. Venable's most brilliant service to the University was not as a teacher or author, great as were his merits in these relations. His long contact with men, young and old, in academic bodies, his association with a great military leader, and incessant participation in great historical events, gave him rightly such precedence in a governing body that he was naturally accorded a leader's place everywhere. After Dr. Maupin's lamented death, in 1870, Col. Venable was fitly called to take his place as Chairman of the Faculty. The delicate and difficult duties of this post were discharged by him with signal ability. After three years of service as Chairman, he resigned the office, but did not intermit his active efforts for the University as a whole. To this time belongs the crowning achievement of his career in procuring the gift

of a great telescope from Mr. Leander McCormick, and the gathering, by astonishing efforts, of a fund of seventy-five thousand dollars for its endowment, most of it in small sums from widely scattered alumni. His next conspicuous public service was in connection with the Brooks gift of seventy thousand dollars for the building and equipment of a Natural History Museum. Again the Board summoned him to the Chairmanship in 1886, and again for two years he served with his accustomed energy. [F. H. Smith, in *The Alumni Bulletin* of the University of Virginia, Nov., 1896.]

Children of Prof. Charles Scott Venable and Margaret Cantey McDowell:

A. Francis Preston Venable, who was born in Prince Edward Co., Va., on Nov. 17, 1856, the only surviving son of Col. Charles Scott and Margaret Cantey (McDowell) Venable. Prepared for college at Major Jones' School, Charlottesville, he entered the University of Virginia and graduated with the Class of 1879. He then studied at Bonn and Göttingen, gaining the degree of Ph.D. at the latter university in 1881. In 1889 he was a student in Berlin.

On Nov. 31, 1884, Dr. Venable was married to Miss Sally Charlton Manning of Chapel Hill, daughter of Hon. John Manning, founder of the University Law School and until his death, its dean.

From 1880 to 1900 Dr. Venable was Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina. In the latter year he relinquished his teaching duties to become president of the institution. For fourteen years, or until ill health compelled his resignation, Dr. Venable's executive leadership was noteworthy in constructive accomplishments and was characterized by saneness, vision and ableness. Upon his retirement from the presidency in 1914 the trustees, in appreciation of his faithful services and in recognition of his outstanding abilities, created a special chair in chemistry bearing his name and elected him as holder thereof. When the Kenan professorships were established in 1918 through the generosity of Mrs. Mary Lilly Bingham, Dr. Venable was the first of the five teachers singled out for this distinction. As Kenan Professor of Chemistry he is still in service at the University.

Among the honors which have come to Dr. Venable may be mentioned the following: the honorary degree of Doctor of Science conferred upon him by Lafayette College in 1904; the degree of Doctor of Learned Laws conferred upon him by the Universities of Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Carolina, and by the Jefferson Medical College; president of the Southern Educational Association, 1903; president American Chemical Society, 1905 (the first of two southern men ever to hold this office); president of Southern Association of Schools and

Colleges, 1909; member of advisory boards of the Bureau of Mines (1917) and of the Chemical Warfare Service (1918). He is a Fellow of the London Chemical Society and a member of the A. A. A. S., and the American Philosophical Society.

Dr. Venable is the author of numerous books and articles, among which may be mentioned: *Manual of Qualitative Chemistry*, 1883; *Short History of Chemistry*, 1894; *Development of Periodic Law*, 1896; *Inorganic Chemistry According to the Periodic Law*, 1898; *Study of the Atom*, 1904; *Radioactivity*, 1917; *Zirconium and its Compounds*, 1921; together with some seventy articles which have been published in the scientific journals of this and other countries.—J. G. B.

#### Children:

1. Louise Manning Venable, b. Oct. 19, 1885, A.B. Univ. of N. C., 1920.
  2. Cantey McDowell Venable, b. Feb. 27, 1887; mar. Apr. 30, 1912, Louis V. Sutton, an electrical engineer, graduate of Va. Poly. Inst. Children:
    - a. Louis V. Sutton, Jr., b. June 11, 1918.
    - b. Sarah Manning Sutton, b. Oct. 13, 1924.
  3. Charles Scott Venable, b. at Chapel Hill, N. C., Sept. 3, 1891; A.B. Univ. of N. C., 1910; M.A. 1911, Ph.D. 1917, Mass. Inst. of Tech.; Inst. Chem. North Carolina, 1912, 1913; Adj. Prof. Chem., Univ. of Va., 1917, 1918; Research associate Applied Chemistry, Mass. Inst. Tech., 1919-1920; Assistant Director Research Lab., 1920, Mass. Inst. Tech.; Capt. Chemical Warfare Service 1918; American Chem. Soc. See: *Who's Who in Chemistry*. He mar. Sept. 20, 1920, Olive Bartlett. Children:
    - a. Charles Scott Venable, Jr., b. Aug. 11, 1924.
  4. John Manning Venable, b. Sept. 3, 1891; A.B. Univ. of N. C., 1910; M.D. Johns Hopkins, 1914. First Lieut. Army Medical Corps, 1917-1919, 77th Div. of the Army of Occupation; mar. June 5, 1920, Florence E. Birdsall. Children:
    - a. Grace Manning Venable, b. Dec. 4, 1921.
  5. Frances Preston Venable, b. Oct. 28, 1903; A.B., Univ. of N. C. 1924.
- B. Mary McDowell Venable, b. Aug. 27, 1861; mar. Dec. 10, 1890, Dr. Charles Launcelot Minor, b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 10, 1865, son of Dr. James Munroe and Josephine

- (Pierrepont) Minor; a man of international reputation as a specialist; A.B. Univ. of Va.; M.D. Univ. of Va.; Vienna Hospitals, 1890-'02; President of the National Association for Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, 1917-1918; member, Delta Psi; Phi Beta Kappa; Alpha Omega Alpha. Author of many scientific books. See: *Who's Who*. Children:
1. Lucy Landon Minor, b. Aug. 25, 1892; mar. Nov. 1917, Paul B. Barringer, Jr. Children:
    - a. Paul B. Barringer, Jr., b. 1918, d. June, 1922.
    - b. Charles Minor Barringer, b. 1920.
    - c. Rufus Barringer, b. 1923.
  2. John Minor, b. Oct. 25, 1893; mar. Mildred Truslow, 1922. A.B. Univ. of Va.; M.D. Harvard University. Children: a. Charles Launcelot Minor, b. June, 1923.
  3. Margaret Cantey Venable Minor, b. Aug. 17, 1895; d. Dec. 4, 1897.
  4. Mary Venable Minor, b. Nov. 22, 1898; mar. Sept. 5, 1923, Thomas Fauntleroy Ball.
- C. Cantey McDowell Venable, b. Sept. 19, 1864; d. July, 1901; mar. June 1, 1893, Clarence Dallam, lawyer. Children:
1. Margaret Cantey Dallam, b. 1895 or 1896; d. 1903.
  2. Elizabeth Dallam, b. July, 1901; d. 1901.
- D. Charles Scott Venable, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1866; d. July 5, 1867.
- E. Natalie Embra Venable, b. July 15, 1868; mar. June 8, 1897, Prof. Raleigh Colston Minor, of the faculty of the University of Virginia, [b. Jan. 24, 1869; d. about 1922 (son of John and Anne Fisher Colston Minor). B.A. Univ. of Va., 1887; M.A. Univ. of Va., 1888; LL.D. Univ. of Va., 1890; Prof. of Law, Univ. of Va., 1899-1921; author of a number of books on the various phases of the law. See: *Who's Who*.] Children:
1. Charles Venable Minor, b. Sept. 3, 1900; A.B. Univ. of Va., 1923.
  2. Anne Colston Jacqueline Minor, b. Dec. 18, 1904.
- Prof. Charles S. Venable, Sr. (1827-1900), mar. (II), July 5, 1876, Mrs. Mary (Southall) Brown, dau. of Valentine W. and Martha Southall, and widow of Col. J. Thompson Brown. Children:
- F. Charles Scott Venable, M.D., F.A.C.S., b. Charlottesville, Va., June 13, 1877; educated: Episcopal High School, Alexan-

dria, Va., 1891 to 1895; Univ. of Va. Academic, 1895-1896; Univ. of N. C., Pre Medic. Dept., 1896-1897; Univ. of Va., Medical Department, 1897-1900; mar. Sept. 5, 1900, Madge Josephine Bonney of Baltimore, Md., dau. of James L. and Mary Elizabeth (Phillips) Bonney; moved to San Antonio, Texas, 1908; Attending surgeon, Jackson Hospital, Santa Rosa Hospital; Consulting surgeon, Robt. B. Green Hospital; Fellow American College of Surgeons, 1913; Fellow Southern Surgical Association, Texas Surgical Society, American Medical Association; Major Army Medical Corps 1917-1918. Children,

1. Mary Southall Venable, b. London, England, June 21, 1901; educated at St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas, and Sweet Briar College, Va.; mar. Dec. 15, 1922, Julius Preston Barclay, Assistant Cashier, National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas. Children:
  - a. Julius P. Barclay, Jr., b. July, 1924.
2. Madge Bonney Venable, b. Aug. 23, 1903, Charlottesville, Va.; educated at St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas, Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va.; Chevy Chase School, Washington, D. C.
3. Frances Page Venable, b. Sept. 8, 1905, Charlottesville, Va.; educated at St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas; Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va.
4. Natalie Jean Venable, b. July 5, 1909, San Antonio, Texas; educated at St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, Texas.

VII. Nathaniel Henry Venable, M.D., b. at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Feb. 18, 1868, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1845; M.D. Univ. of Penn.; student in the Paris and London hospitals; Surgeon C. S. A., Rhodes Division, Major of Artillery; mar. 1856, in Paris, France, Tennessee Marr of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Children:

- A. Mary Scott Venable, mar. 1880, Col. Edward Taylor Taliaferro of Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:
  - i. Tennessee Marr Taliaferro, mar. 1899, Chiles Clifton Ferrell of Greenville, S. C. Children:
    - a. Chiles Clifton Ferrell, Jr. b. Scott Taliaferro Ferrell. c. James Overton Ferrell.
- B. Tennessee Marr Venable, mar. about 1878, Wallace B. Edmundson of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Children:



1. Mary Scott Edmundson, mar. 1901, Garth B. Smiley of Oklahoma City. Children:
  - a. Mary Wallace Smiley. b. Jocelyn Smiley.
2. Will Edmundson, mar. 1908, Fay Bond of Oklahoma City.

VIII. Marriet Morton Venable, d. y.

IX. Isaac Read Venable, d. y.

X. Frances Isabelle Venable, b. at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Jan. 14, 1885; mar. (she was his first wife), May 15, 1860, at "Longwood," Rev. Alexander Broadnax Carrington, a Presbyterian minister, b. Aug., 1834; Chaplain, C. S. A.; Univ. of Va., 1851; Lexington Law School, 1852-1853. He was son of Paul S. Carrington of "Ridgeway," Charlotte Co., Va. [b. May 10, 1798; d. July 29, 1866; mar. May 9, 1826, Emma Catherine Cabell, b. Mar. 10, 1808; d. Mar. 31, 1887, daughter of Judge Wm. H. Cabell and Agnes S. B. Gamble of Richmond, Va.] Children:

A. Alexander Berkeley Carrington, b. Jan. 27, 1862; mar. Nov. 11, 1891, Mary Miller Taylor, of Danville, Va. Children:

1. Capt. Alexander Berkeley Carrington, Jr., mar. Ruth Simpson of Mass.
2. Mary Taylor Carrington, mar. Dr. Charles Young Bidgood, Surgeon, of Johns Hopkins faculty, Baltimore, Md.
3. Charles Venable Carrington.

B. Charles Venable Carrington, M.D., b. July 29, 1866; mar. June 6, 1894, Mrs. Avis Walker Grant, widow of Percy S. Grant of Richmond, Va., and daughter of Major D. N. Walker of Grove Avenue, Richmond, Va. Children:

1. Frances Venable Carrington (considered one of the most beautiful women in Va. See: *Vogue* July 1-1921), mar. William Pinkney Herbert, M.D., of Asheville, N. C., Children:
  - a. Charles Carrington Herbert.
  - b. Rebecca Beverly Herbert.

C. Gratton Cabell Carrington, b. Sept. 3, 1868; U. S. A. retired now of Yonkers, N. Y.

D. Frances Venable Carrington, b. June 9, 1872; mar. George Holmes Van Sickler of Lakeland, Florida. Children:

1. Douglas Van Sickler.

Alexander Broadnax Carrington (b. 1834), mar. (II) 1887, Mrs. Sarah Ewell William. No children.



XI. Paul Carrington Venable, b. at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. about 1910; mar. 1865, Agnes Spruel Gray (dau. of John Bowie Gray, b. Nov. 11, 1808; d. June, 1861; mar., 1829 Jane Moore Cave of "Travellers' Rest," Stafford Co., Va.) A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1858; C. S. A., Company F., 18th Va. Reg., 1861; promoted to Capt. of Artillery and later to a place on Gen. Wade Hampton's Staff. He was trustee of Hampden-Sidney College from June 13, 1883 to his resignation, June 10, 1901. Children:

A. Samuel Woodson Venable, mar. Jean Sinclair Armistead of Hampton, Va. Children:

1. Paul Carrington Venable, volunteered for service in the World War, was sent to Camp Oglethorpe, made a Second Lieut., served overseas with the First Division; first, a member of Headquarters Company; later 28th Infantry; promoted to First Lieut., Co. I., killed before Soissons, July 18, 1918. His body was brought to Arlington and buried there.

2. Samuel Armistead Venable enlisted for service in the World War as a private in the "Richmond Blues." This organization was broken up and scattered through various divisions. He served in the Meuse-Argonne and Vosges sectors and was at Sedan when the Armistice came. He mar., 1919, Evelyn Richardson of Zebulon, N. C.

3. Jean Sinclair Venable, mar. 1914, Shubrick Heyward of Baltimore, Md. Children:

a. Jean Sinclair Heyward.

B. Wade Hampton Venable, M.D., mar. Elizabeth Talbot of Kentucky. They are both missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Kuling, China—Kashing, China.

C. Agnes Venable, d. y.

D. Bessie Venable, d. y.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*

## CHAPTER IX

PAUL CARRINGTON VENABLE, M.D.  
OF "WHEATLAND," MECKLENBURG CO., VA.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

PAUL CARRINGTON VENABLE, M.D., of "Wheatland," Mecklenburg Co., Va., b. Oct. 16, 1793, at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. at Bedford Springs, Va., Apr. 4, 1876; mar. (I) Elizabeth Davis Coleman, daughter of Mr. Coleman of Amherst Co., Va.; mar. (II), in 1824, Emily Eaton Carrington, b. 1804; d. June 26, 1871, daughter of Gen. George Carrington (1756-1809) and Sara Coles Tucker (b. 1765 - —). A. B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1811; M.D. Univ. of Penn. Children of Paul Carrington Venable and Emily Carrington:

- I. Sallie Tucker Venable, mar. Dec. 16, 1845, William Goodridge Venable (as his second wife), son of William Lewis Venable and Frances Watkins (Nantz) Venable of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va. (See record of William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket," in Part III of this book.)
- II. Mary Carington Venable, mar. Frederick Edward Hughes, M.D., of Dallas, Texas. Children:  
A. Paul Hughes. B. Georges Hughes. C. Daniel Hughes.
- III. George Carrington Venable, M.D., b. at "Wheatland," Mecklenburg Co., Va., 1828; d. Mar. 13, 1901; mar. 1862, Margaret Moseley, daughter of Arthur Moseley of Miss. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1846; M.D. Univ. of Penn. Children:  
A. Julia Venable, d. y.  
B. Etta Venable, d. y.  
C. Emily Venable, d. y.  
D. Kathleen Venable, d. s.  
E. Mary Tucker Venable, d. s.  
F. George Vernon Venable, b. 1870; mar. his first cousin, Janie Leyburn Moseley, daughter of Rev. Bennett Williamson Moseley and Louise Jane Venable. Children.

1. Bennett Moseley Venable, graduated at V. P. I., 1924, electric engineer.
  2. Margaret Cabell Venable, a student at Randolph Macon Woman's College.
  3. Louise Carrington.
- G. Margaret Irvine Venable, mar. William Gordon.
- H. Pauline Venable, mar. Mr. Phillips and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- I. Sally Tucker Venable, mar. her distant cousin, Thomas Haskin Garden.
- IV. Etta Venable, d. y.
- V. Emily Venable, d. s.
- VI. Margaret Venable, mar. Capt. Jesse Irvine, son of Jesse Irvine, b. 1792; d. Feb. 2, 1867, and Clementina (Cabell) Irvine, b. Feb. 26, 1794; mar. June 29, 1815; d. June 12, 1841. No children.
- VII. Louise Jane Venable, b. about Dec., 1842; d. about 1916; mar. Apr. 27, 1864, Rev. Bennett Williamson Moseley [A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; A.M. Washington and Lee Univ.; B.D. Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney, Va.; Chaplain C. S. A., Longstreet's Division; son of Henry Moseley, M.D., and Jane Leyburn.] Children:
- A. Emily Carrington Moseley, mar. William M. Brown. Children:
1. William Moseley Brown, Ph.D. Columbia University, N. Y.; Prof. at Washington and Lee; mar. Gloria Graham. Children: a. William Moseley Brown, 3rd.
  2. Paul Brown.
  3. Rosa Brown, mar. James Polkill, 2nd, of Georgia. Children: a. James Polkill, 3rd.
  4. Louise Carrington Brown.
  5. James Brown, student at Washington and Lee.
- B. Janie Leyburn Moseley, married her first cousin, George Vernon Venable, son of George Carrington Venable, M.D. (See his record for descendants.)
- C. Paul Moseley, d. y.
- D. Bennett Williamson Moseley, Jr., mar. Willie Ficklen of Buckingham Co., Va. They now (1924) live in Greenville, N. C. Children:
1. Frances Venable Moseley, graduated at Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va., June, 1924.

2. Bennett Williamson Moseley, Jr.

3. John Bancroft Ficklen Moseley.

E. Alfred McDowell Moseley, mar. Nell Skinner. They live in Greenville, N. C.

F. George Carrington Moseley, mar. Frances Lewis, daughter of Burnett Lewis of Richmond, Va.

VIII. Paul Anna Venable, mar. Rev. Junius Koiner, M.A. Univ. of Penn., a Lutheran minister. Children.

A. Junius Koiner, Jr., electrical engineer, mar. — Holmes of Charlottesville, Va. Children:

1. Arthur Koiner. 2. Junius Koiner, 3rd.

B. Anne Koiner, d. y.

C. Emilie Koiner, mar. George Carpenter of Lenoir, N. C.

D. Florence Koiner, mar. Rev. W. L. Lail of N. C.

IX. Arthur Venable, d. y.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Paul Carrington Venable, M.D., of "Wheatland," Mecklenburg County, Virginia.*



AGNES WOODSON (VENABLE) WATKINS  
(b. 1796)



HENRY EDWARD WATKINS  
(1782-1856)

## CHAPTER X

AGNES WOODSON (VENABLE) WATKINS  
OF "HOME," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HER DESCENDANTS

AGNES WOODSON VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 4, 1796; mar. about 1815, Capt. Henry Edward Watkins, b. 1782; d. Aug. 6, 1856, of "Home," Prince Edward Co., Va. [son of Francis Watkins and Agnes (Woodson) Watkins of "Poplar Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va.] her second cousin. His father was a man of excellent business ability and large estates, in consequence of which his son enjoyed unusual advantages. Henry E. Watkins studied at Hampden-Sidney Academy, 1796; at Washington College, Lexington, Va.; A.B. Princeton, 1801; studied law at William and Mary. "He made a circle of the sciences and went from college to college. In 1815 (war of 1812), he was in command of a Prince Edward troop that was on skirmish duty as far as Bottom's Bridge. In 1818, he was one of the commissioners to choose the site of the proposed University of Virginia. He was a trustee of Hampden-Sidney College for forty years. He was a man of leisure, high character, and one interested in the advancement of letters and sciences." "His wife, Agnes (Venable) Watkins, was a woman of great dignity and graciousness of manner and queenly bearing as well as of unusual intellectual attainments."

Tradition still preserves the memory of the quiet elegance of the home of these two delightful people. The courtly manners and stately deference of the old butler, Sterling, lording it over the maids in attendance; Stokes, the carriage driver, trustworthy and capable, "seeing the family to the springs" with the coach boy and out-riders and the baggage train; and Abram, the head gardener, who made a veritable paradise of the ten acres of lawn and box-bordered flower beds, and avenues of towering elms (all laid out by an English landscape gardener, we are told) and the kitchen garden, with its old fashioned herbs and gooseberries and currants, and quinces and pears and apricots and such, —all carry us back to the happy days "befo' de wahr." A visitor to the spot today will find, however, only a few overgrown box hedges,

and maybe the avenue of elms or a cherry tree or a gooseberry bush and a heap of broken stones. (From notes of Judge Asa Watkins.) Children:

- I. Francis Nathaniel Watkins, A.M. Amherst College, 1835; B.L. Univ. of Va.; Judge of Prince Edward County Court; member State Legislature, 1868; Sec.-Treas. Union Theological Seminary for forty years; Sec.-Treas. Hampden-Sidney College Board of Trustees for fourteen years; mar. Martha Ann Scott, dau. of John W. Scott of Bedford County, Va. Children:
  - A. Henry E. Watkins, M.D., Surgeon Confederate Army, stationed at Charlottesville; in charge of Andersonville Prison, Ga., until the end of the war; mar. Jane Reid McNutt, dau. James M. McNutt, of Rockbridge Co., Va., later of "Dover Plantation," Prince Edward Co., Va., and Mary Venable McNutt of Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:
    1. James M. Watkins, mar. Amanda Stagenwalt of New York.
    2. Mattie Watkins, d. y.
    3. Mary Venable Watkins, mar. W. A. Bourne of Wythe County, Va. Children: a. Mattie W. Bourne, mar. —. b. Wm. A. Bourne. c. Frank Nat Bourne. d. Henry Reid Bourne.
    4. Flora Lyle Watkins.
    5. Frank Nat Watkins, now (1924), of Orlando, Fla., mar. Margaret Landrum, dau. of Rev. Mr. Landrum of Atlanta, Ga.
    6. Henrietta Watkins, mar. Richard H. Johnson, Pres. and founder, Richmond Guano Co., Richmond, Va. (See record under descendants of Elizabeth Woodson Venable Watkins, Chap. 2, Part II.)
    7. Henry E. Watkins, U. S. Chartered Accountant, mar. Mary Barry of Atlanta, Ga. Children: a. Henry E. Watkins, Jr.
    8. Susie E. Watkins, mar. John A. Clark, Prince Edward Co., Va. Children: a. Johns A. Clark, Jr. b. Henry W. Clark. c. James M. Clark. d. Susie E. Clark. e. Richard Payne Clark.
    9. Charles Turner Watkins, mar. Louisa Orr of Atlanta, Ga.
    10. Reid Watkins, d. y.

B. Bettie Irvine Watkins, mar. Samuel B. McKinney of Farmville, Va., brother of Hon. P. W. McKinney, Gov. of Va. Children:

1. Martha S. McKinney, d. y.
2. Frank W. McKinney, b. Jan. 2, 1863; d. Sept. 27, 1908; mar. Minnie Waddell of Richmond, Va.
3. Mary Lula McKinney of Agnes Scott College.
4. Bessie I. McKinney.
5. Charles D. McKinney, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; B.L. Univ. of Va., living (1924) in Atlanta, Ga.; mar. (I) Annie McGill; mar. (II) Emma Kirkpatrick; mar. (III) Margaret Askew of Atlanta, Ga. Children by last wife: a. Charles Decatur McKinney.
6. Samuel Branch McKinney, mar. Claude Candler of Atlanta, Ga. Children: a. Caroline C. McKinney. b. Samuel Branch McKinney, Jr.
7. Charlotte McKinney, mar. Lee Gash of North Carolina. Children: a. Samuel McKinney Gash. b. Thomas Gash. c. Bettie W. Gash. d. Mary Louie Gash.

C. Agnes Venable Watkins, mar. Milton Preston Jarnagin, of Memphis, Tenn., lawyer. Judge Advocate General of the Confederate Army. Children:

1. Hetty Shields Jarnagin, d. s.
2. Martha S. Jarnagin, mar. Thomas Mellon Evans, Iron manufacturer of Pittsburgh, Penn. Children: a. Eleanor Evans. Thomas Mellon Evans, Jr.
3. Frank W. Jarnagin, mar. Mary McPheeters, dau. of Dr. McPheeters of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. Children: a. Frank W. Jarnagin, Jr. b. Mary McP. Jarnagin. c. William Jarnagin.
4. Milton Preston Jarnagin, Jr., Prof. University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; mar. Dorothy Greeves of Tennessee. Children: a. Milton P. Jarnagin, 3rd. b. Janet G. Jarnagin. c. Agnes Jarnagin. d. Dorothy Jarnagin.
5. Mary Bynum Jarnagin, mar. Hugh Rodman of Pittsburgh, Pa., electrical engineer, nephew of Admiral Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., so prominent in the World War. Children: a. Hugh Rodman, Jr. b. Mary Rodman. c. William Barbour Rodman III, d. y. d. Sayre Rodman.



- D. Charlotte D. Watkins, mar. Rev. Uncus McCluer, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; B. D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va. Children:
1. Kate L. McCluer, mar. Norfolk Reynolds. Children:
    - a. John McCluer Reynolds, b. 1908, b. Florence Watkins Reynolds, b. 1912. c. Kenneth Llewellyn Reynolds, b. 1815.
  2. Agnes W. McCluer, mar. — Semmes. Numerous children (no names sent in.)
- E. Kate Cabell Watkins, mar. M. C. Cardoza of Lunenburg Co., Va. Children:
1. Samuel F. Cardoza, d. y.
  2. Lizzie Otis Cardoza, mar. Dr. Couch of Lunenburg, Va. Children: a. John Couch. b. Clairborne Couch. c. John Couch. d. Margaret Couch. e. Anna Couch. f. Bessie Couch. g. Frances Couch. h. Alva Couch. i. Edward Couch. j. Henry Couch. k. Philip Couch. l. Elizabeth Couch.
  3. Mattie S. Cardoza, mar. Maurice Vaughan of Roanoke, Va. Children: a. Katherine Vaughan. b. Maurice Vaughan.
  4. Kate C. Cardoza, mar. Harry Baer of Philadelphia, Pa. Children: a. Harry Baer. b. Cameron Baer. c. George Baer. d. Sara L. Baer.
  5. Rosa Cardoza, mar. Dr. Seay of Blackstone, Va. Children: a. George Seay. b. Cameron Seay. c. Thomas Seay.
  6. William H. Cardoza.
- F. Frank Sampson Watkins, cotton manufacturer of McAden, N. C.; mar. Kate Pender of N. C. Children:
1. Charles Turner Watkins, d. y.
- G. Mary C. Watkins, d. y.
- H. Samuel W. Watkins, Treasurer Prince Edward County, Va.; mar. Clara Cunningham of Prince Edward Co. Children:
1. Robert Cunningham Watkins.
  2. Irvine C. Watkins.
  3. Francis Newton Watkins, d. y.
  4. Samuel Watkins, 3rd.
  5. Agnes Venable Watkins.
  6. Martha Scott Watkins.

I. Asa Dickinson Watkins, b. 1856; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1878; student at the Univ. of Va., 1880; County Judge, 1886-1891; Commonwealth's Attorney, 1891; Member House of Delegates, 1897-1898; Senate, 1899-1904; member Constitutional Convention of Va., 1849; member Secession Convention. He mar. 1886, Nannie E. Forbes of Buckingham County, Va., dau. of Col. W. W. Forbes and Ammonette (Cobb) Forbes. Children:

1. William Forbes Watkins, b. June 17, 1887; mar. Sue Stevens Bone of Georgia. U. S. A. Cavalry Division, El Paso, Texas, World War. Children: a. Nannie Claire Watkins.

2. Margaret Irving Watkins, b. Sept. 8, 1889; mar. J. Maurice Miller of Richmond, Va. Children: a. John Maurice Miller, Jr.

3. Samuel W. Watkins, b. 1891; served in World War, U. S. Navy, May, 1917, to December 26, 1918; went to the front with Admiral Plunkett with that division of the American forces in charge of the great naval guns used as a land battery; took part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and assisted in firing the big naval 14-inch gun which was fired at just two minutes before eleven o'clock on the day of the armistice.

4. Martha Scott Watkins, b. July 7, 1894.

5. Frank Nat. Watkins, b. Dec. 26, 1896; U. S. N., World War.

6. Asa Dickinson Watkins, Jr., b. July 23, 1900; mar. Margaret Ligon Steeger of Farmville, Va. Children: a. Margaret Ligon Watkins.

7. Nancy Southall Watkins, b. Nov. 22, 1903.

J. Pattie Burton Watkins, Dean of the Faculty, Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, N. C.

K. Charles Turner Watkins, d. s.

L. Margaret Leigh Watkins,

II. Henry E. Watkins, d. s.

III. Elizabeth Watkins.

IV. Rev. Samuel Woodson Watkins, A.B. Princeton at sixteen years; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va.; mar. Alice Winston Horsley of Amherst, Va., dau. of John Horsley and his second wife, Mildred Cabell. Children.

- A. Henry E. Watkins, d. y.
- B. Mildred Cabell Watkins, author of: *Primer of American Literature*.
- V. Mary Cabell Watkins, d. s.
- VI. Agnes W. Watkins, a musician of ability, educated in Baltimore; mar. Embry Scott.
- VII. Richard V. Watkins, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College; mar. Mary Michaux of Powhatan Co., Va. Children:
  - A. Henry B. Watkins.
  - B. Rochet Michaux Watkins, d. s.
  - C. Fannie Watkins, d. s.
  - D. Lena Watkins.
  - E. Manly Basil Watkins, mar. — Baldwin. Children:
    - 1. — Watkins, mar. —.
- VIII. Margaret C. Watkins, mar. Prof. Charles Martin of Hampden-Sidney, Va., b. 1817, near Vergennes; d. 1888, Vermont, a descendant of the oldest New England families: Winthrop, Stoddard, Williams, Martin. He was a great grandson of Solomon Stoddard, D.D., one of the eleven ministers who founded Yale; came to Va. in 1847 and was professor at Hampden-Sidney College for nearly twenty-five years, twice acting President. His library, containing many rare books, was presented to Hampden-Sidney College. Children:
  - A. Stanley W. Martin, mar. Jessie Palmer of Blacksburg, Va.
  - B. Williams Venable Martin, mar. Ramona Gautier of Porto Rico.
  - C. Lydia Berkeley Martin.
- IX. Henrietta Watkins, d. s.
- X. Catherine A. Watkins.
- XI. Frances Leigh Watkins, mar. Edley Irvine of Bedford County, Va. Children: A. Frank Leigh Irvine, mar. Marie De Sant of Dallas, Texas.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Agnes Woodson (Venable) Watkins of "Home," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*



JANE (REID) VENABLE



SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE, JR.  
(1797-1855)

## CHAPTER XI

SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE, JR.,  
OF "VINEYARD," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

SAMUEL WOODSON VENABLE, JR., b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Nov. 1, 1797; d. Oct. 6, 1855 at "Vineyard," Prince Edward Co., Va.; mar. Jane Reid, dau. of Andrew Reid of "Mulberry Hill," Rockbridge Co., Va., near Lexington. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1819; planter. They lived on their plantation, "Vineyard," Prince Edward Co., Va. Children.

- I. Mary Carrington Venable, mar. Sept. 22, 1842, James M. McNutt of "Dover Plantation," Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:
  - A. Jane Reid McNutt, mar. Henry E. Watkins, son of F. N. Watkins and Martha Ann Scott. (See record of descendants of Agnes Woodson Venable, Part II, Chap. 10.)
  - B. Mary Morton McNutt,
  - C. Flora McNutt.
  - D. Isabelle Venable McNutt.
  - E. Samuel Woodson McNutt.
  - F. Margaret McNutt.
  - G. James McNutt.
- II. Margaret Ann Venable, mar. J. G. Ligon. Children: A. Jack Dorsey Ligon, d. y.
- III. Magdaline Venable, d. y.
- IV. Louisa Venable, mar. Dr. Wm. McNutt of "Fernside," Prince Edward Co., Va. Children.
- V. Major Andrew Reid Venable, b. Dec. 2, 1832; d. Oct. 15, 1909, at "Milnwood," near Farmville, Prince Edward Co., Va.; mar. in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1864, Adeline Hackney Stevens, niece of Gov. Stevens of Maryland. He was Adjutant and Inspector-General of the Cavalry Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia. W. Gordon McCabe in the *Richmond Times Despatch* for Dec. 12, 1906, says of him:

Died, on October 15, 1909, at "Millwood," near Farmville, Va., MAJOR ANDREW REID VENABLE, formerly Adjutant and Inspector-General of the Cavalry Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia, in his seventy-seventh year.

"This fell sergeant, Death, is strict in his arrest," as Shakespeare tells us, and thus has been struck from the rolls of survivors of that glorious army the name of one of the noblest gentlemen and most daring soldiers who ever periled life for hearth and home and country.

But it is only from "the roll of survivors" that his name has been stricken, for on the deathless roll itself, his name shall blaze so long as freemen shall revere those stern and warlike virtues that make men strong to meet with unshaken front the very stroke of fate.

Born of an ancient and honorable race, distinguished from Colonial days for inflexible integrity, high courage and keen intellectual gifts—nourished in the most heroic traditions of the Commonwealth—he proved himself in every relation of life—as husband, father, kinsman and comrade—worthy of the noble stock from which he sprang.

His life before the war ("THE war" to us beyond all other wars it must ever be), was uneventful—just the life of the average young Virginian of good family, "straining at the leash" and eager to get beyond the somnolent life of prosaic surroundings.

It may be told in few words, for his real life lay within the four years of war. He was born at the "Vineyard" (one of the old Venable estates), in Prince Edward County, on December 2, 1832, son of Samuel Woodson and Jane Reid Venable—was graduated from Hampden-Sidney College before he was twenty, in the class of 1852—disdained to settle down as "a small planter," and so "went West" to seek his fortunes, speedily deciding on St. Louis as his new home. There, owing to his industry, quick intelligence and spirit of enterprise, his business success was almost instant. What is far more to the purpose, it was there that he met socially two people who were to play the chief part in his life—Miss Stevens, a niece of Governor Stevens, of Maryland, a lady destined within a few years to become his wife under the most romantic circumstances—while he was an escaped prisoner in the enemy's country—and Lieutenant J. E. B. Stuart, U. S. A., who, though but twenty-two, had just proved his warlike mettle in the campaign against the fierce Apaches as a young officer of the famous old "Rifles" and who, now transferred to the First Cavalry, had been assigned duty at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis.

An intimate friendship sprang up at once between Venable and the brilliant young officer, for they were both enthusiastic Virginians, both far from home and both in the very "May-morn of their youth."

Little did either then dream that within ten years one should become a great cavalry leader, "dazzling a world with deeds," and the

other ride by his bridle-rein as his most trusted staff officer. But Stuart soon went his way to fight the Sioux and the Cheyennes, receiving in the campaign against the latter a grievous wound in the desperate action at Solomon's Fork, Kan., while Venable, with characteristic tenacity, stuck to his business enterprises with such effect that within a few years he had accumulated what was then reckoned a handsome competence.

But party spirit was running high through all the land, and nowhere, North or South, were sectional animosities so intense and bitter as in St. Louis. "The Southern element," as it was called, dominated "society," but the bulk of the population, "the plain people" (in large measure Germans), sided with the "Abolitionists" and "Free-Soilers."

Young Venable, who had been bred up in the "strict States' Rights school," and who, through temperament, contemned everything savoring of "compromise" or "expediency," threw himself with all the passion of his ardent nature into the struggle that had even then begun between Secessionists and Union men for control of Missouri in the impending conflict.

Then burst the storm of war, and Venable, without a moment's hesitation, threw up his prosperous business (though he well knew that it meant the sacrifice of everything he had accumulated), and sped to his mother State, where he at once enlisted as a private soldier in the "Third Battery" of "Richmond Howitzers," then under orders to join the "Army of the Peninsula."

He was at this time, as the writer of these lines remembers (for we were in the same gun-detachment), a singularly handsome man, genial, yet dignified, blessed with a keen sense of humor, fond of a good story, but instantly austere at any hint of irreverence touching religious matters, always cheery when hardships had to be endured, and speedily became known to officers and men as one of the most resolute and daring soldiers in the command. The "Third Battery" of "Howitzers" saw, perhaps, more actual fighting than any other artillery company in "the Army of the Peninsula," and Venable, born trooper though he was, was always proud and glad, during the years after the war, to meet in "reunion" his old artillery comrades, with whom, as simple cannoneer he had received his first "baptism of fire."

He took part with his battery in all the actions and minor affairs of that army in '61, and of the "Army of Northern Virginia" until the summer of 1862, when he was made "Captain and Commissary" of the First Regiment of Virginia Artillery, commanded by the gallant and accomplished Colonel John Thompson Brown (former Captain of the "Second Battery" of "Howitzers"), who at the very beginning of the "Campaign of '64" fell in action at "The Wilderness," mourned by an army.

This position Venable held until the spring of '63.

Commissaries and Quartermasters, with few exceptions, never went into action. Indeed, for them to do so, was contrary to explicit and very proper "orders." So, too, of Surgeons. But Venable could no more keep out of a fight than Stuart's "Chief Surgeon," Talcott Eliason, of whom Stuart says in his rollicking fashion (in his official report of the Gettysburg Campaign): "Surgeon Eliason, though without a superior in his profession, would, from his conduct on the field, excel as a Colonel of Cavalry."

The "Commissary of the First Virginia Artillery" had a way of suddenly turning up in the very thick of things to ask his Colonel some utterly idle and irrelevant question about rations for the men, and the Colonel tried to look severe and the battery commanders winked at each other and at Venable, when the latter said, "And now, sir, if I could carry any orders for you, as I see your Adjutant has gone."

Thus it was that Stuart, who, on Jackson's fall on the evening of May 2nd, at Chancellorsville, had been put in command of Jackson's Corps, met Venable in the very thickest of the battle of the 3rd day. Venable had come up to ask his Colonel whether he didn't think "a bean ration would be good for the men."

He never proposed that momentous question to his "Regimental Commander."

Stuart, who handled Jackson's Corps on that day with superb skill, came suddenly in the woods upon the conscientious "Commissary." They had never seen each other since the old St. Louis days, but the recognition was instant. Stuart, who had sent off every staff officer with urgent, and almost inspired, orders, grasped his hand, and said, "Venable, I've sent off my last man. You must take this order to the left. There is no one else. I assume all responsibility." "Certainly, sir," replied Venable, saluting, and most delighted, and away he sped through the woods reverberating with the fierce, wild cries of the victorious Confederates, driving the enemy from their last stubborn stand. All through that glorious day (the tactical masterpiece of the nineteenth century, as was Leuthen of the eighteenth). Venable carried Stuart's orders, and when night fell, as they lay by the camp fire, told a kindred spirit how he chafed at "being in a bomb-proof."

"I shall ask that for your services to-day," said Stuart, "you be assigned my staff."

For Stuart to ask (after his own brilliant work) was to have, and so Venable, within a few days, was assigned to the Headquarter Staff of the Cavalry, with the rank of Major, and announced in "General Orders" as "Assistant Adjutant and Inspector-General of the Corps."



From that time until his capture at the battle of Hatcher's Run (or Burgess's Mill), in the autumn of 1864 (Oct. 27th), the story of Venable's career is the story of that splendid body of horse, whose deeds gave Stuart his imperishable renown.

It was "an open secret at Cavalry Headquarters, that of all the splendid and capable staff officers there—Heros Von Borcke and Henry McClellan and young "The" Garnett—Venable was closest to Stuart. Whenever most perilous service was to the fore, Venable was selected for that service, and wherever the Headquarter guidon of Lee's horse blazed in the van of trampling squadrons, there always was Andrew Venable, riding "bit to bit," by the bridle-rein of the gay and *débonnaire* Rupert of the South.

It is sad, in a way, to his surviving comrades, that the story of his brilliant career will never be told. But it is no worse in this case than in that of "Willy" Pegram, or Beckham, or "Jimmy Thompson," or Victor Girardey, and many, many others, whose names were "household words" as stubborn fighters, in an army of stubborn fighters, who are yet unknown to-day to the people for whose liberties they yielded up their lives.

Still, one may be allowed to cite one or two instances in that career—if only for his children's sake—to evidence how absolute was his Chief's confidence in the readiness of resource and cool daring of this favorite staff officer in desperate and critical events.

In the Gettysburg Campaign, when Stuart had lost touch with Lee's columns (because of his daring raid towards the Susquehanna), and had finally recognized the imperious necessity of communicating with the commanding general, Venable was the officer chosen to make his way through the hostile country, swarming with the enemy, and carry to Lee the first direct message from his Chief of Cavalry.

The perilous ride was successfully accomplished, and Lee's official report tells us that on the evening of July 1st Venable reported to him the exact whereabouts of his cavalry.

Stuart himself, in his official report of the campaign (dated August 20th, 1863), says: "The untiring energy, force of character and devotion to duty of Major Andrew R. Venable, Inspector-General, and of Lieutenant G. M. Ryal, C. S. Army, Provost Marshal, deserve my special gratitude and praise."

As we shall see later on, Venable and Ryal were again to have special mention together for signal service, after their brilliant chief had fallen in battle.

In October, 1863, three months after Gettysburg, Lee, ever ready to strike and confident in the aggressive morale of his veterans of confirmed hardihood, began a movement around the right flank of Meade's army (then lying in Culpeper), with a view to forcing his late antagonist

again to battle. This is known to old soldiers as "the Bristoe Campaign."

The duty assigned Stuart was to guard Lee's right, and screen the movement from the enemy's powerful and skillfully-handled horse. It was most difficult and delicate service, and Lee's instructions prove beyond question how entirely his Chief of Cavalry retained his great commander's complete confidence. Stuart, chafing under half-muttered cavillings, and eager to have a chance to sweep away every cloud of adverse criticism, showed up at his best from start to finish. In the saddle day and night, he handled his small cavalry force against the preponderating squadrons of the enemy with a happy blending of prudence and audacity that friend and foe alike (among trained soldiers) applauded with generous accord.

But his wise audacity (which, if unsuccessful, would have been termed "foolish rashness") had at one point what is known as "a very close call." The story is familiar to the old troopers of his command and is too long to detail here. Suffice it to say, that he discovered a movement of the enemy's infantry that neither he nor Lee had suspected. As usual, he selected Venable to carry the news to the commanding general, instructing him to "ride by way of Auburn," which Lomax, with his brigade of horse, was supposed to hold. Venable sped upon his mission, and rode confidently into Auburn, only to ride out as fast as he could put spur to horse under a tempest of bullets, for Lomax had just been driven from the place and Kilpatrick's troopers held all the roads. But the trusted staff officer, with more than one "touch-and-go" escape, made a wide detour, knowing every foot of the country even in the darkness, and safely delivered the message to Lee.

In those heroic days, compliments did not fly thick and fast as in "the great Spanish War," and to be mentioned in dispatches meant a good deal. Of this daring ride, Stuart says simply, in his official report: "Major Andrew R. Venable, Jr., A. A. and Inspector-General, deserves special mention for his conduct in evading the enemy near Auburn and reaching the Commanding General with important dispatches on the night of October 13th."

To this generation, those few words may not mean much. To Andrew Venable's surviving comrades, they are pregnant with martial meaning.

But the "hero of Gettysburg" had no desire to "try conclusions" with his fierce and wary adversary, and slipped away from the crucial test, counting its avoidance a clever manoeuvre. What a complete answer to latter-day military sciolists, who blame Meade for not pursuing Lee after Gettysburg, blatantly assuming the demoralization of that veteran soldiery that had stormed "Cemetery Hill."

The story of Venable's services during the winter of '63-'64, when

Stuart, despite his being compelled to scatter his command because of lack of forage, was yet continually "beating up the enemy's quarters" (as his Cavalier prototype was wont to express it), must be sought in official dispatches.

Then, in the spring of '64, began the greatest of Lee's campaigns—a grim wrestle of eleven months, with the guns "going" night and day—in which the Confederate commander, from the Wilderness to Cold Harbor, put hors-de-combat more men than he had taken into the campaign, and again, from Cold Harbor to Five Forks, put hors-de-combat as great a number as had been left him for the defense of Petersburg and Richmond.

Grant crossed the Rapidan on May 4th, and on May 5th. Stuart in person conducted Lee's advance (A. P. Hill's Corps) to strike the enemy on the Plank Road. It is no exaggeration, but only severest truth, to say that from that moment, the Commander of the Cavalry Corps night and day in the saddle, with only a few hours' sleep during the twenty-four, never lost infantry and cavalry, until the fatal aggressive contact with the enemy's May 11th, at "Yellow Tavern," when he fell mortally wounded from a random pistol shot fired by a retreating Federal trooper.

The story of that desperate fight so tragic in the cruel disparity of numbers, has been too often told to need repetition here. As they lifted Stuart stricken with his mortal hurt into the ambulance, he saw some disorganized troopers retreating to the rear. Raising himself up, the old light of battle shining in his eyes, his voice rang out in imperious tones. "Go back! go back! Do your duty, as I've done mine. I'd rather die than be whipped." And once again the little handful turned and stayed the tide of thundering onset.

Venable tenderly bore his chief from the field to Richmond, and then, like a true soldier, galloped back at once to the front. He had looked his last on the face of the man of whom to his dying day he could never speak save with deep emotion.

But, as the brilliant cavalry leader lay a-dying, he did not forget this loyal friend and comrade, knit to him by so many ties of joyous camaraderie and common danger.

As was natural, Stuart was passionately fond of horses, was always superbly mounted, and rode like a Centaur. Of all his horses, his "gallant gray" was his favorite, and just before he breathed out his dauntless soul, after directing that his personal effects should be sent to his wife, turning to his faithful Adjutant-General, Henry McClellan, he whispered, "Take the bay and let Venable have my gray."

He then added "I am going fast; God's will be done," and so the bugles sang "Lights Out" to the wearied trooper, and he fell on heroic sleep.

It may not be impertinent to set down here that the writer of these lines was sitting on his horse at Spotsylvania C. H., close to Lee, when the telegram was handed the latter announcing Stuart's fall at "Yellow Tavern." Lee's simple words on reading the telegram constitute, to our mind, Stuart's noblest epitaph and should have been graved upon the pedestal of his statue: "Gentlemen," he said (evidently greatly moved), "we have very bad news. General Stuart has been mortally wounded." He paused for a few moments, and then exclaimed impressively: "HE NEVER BROUGHT ME A PIECE OF FALSE INFORMATION." Think of it!—from the commander of a veteran army touching the chief of Cavalry—"the eyes and ears of that army!"

After Stuart's death, Venable was for a brief time assigned staff duty with the Major-General W. H. F. Lee, but in August was re-assigned to the Headquarters of the Cavalry Corps with his old duties as Inspector-General on the staff of General Wade Hampton.

Time would fail to deal in detail with the active part he bore in the constant cavalry engagements of those stirring August and September days. But one signal service may, at least, be touched upon.

On September 14th (1864), Hampton having ascertained through his scouts the exact location of the great "corral" for the "supply cattle" of the Army of the Potomac, determined to make a bold raid in Grant's rear, and, if possible, to "lift" (in Hieland phrase) the fat beeves there congregated, of which the Federals always had plenty, while at this time the chief food of the hungry Confederates was but half a ration of "hard tack" and rancid pork. For many months indeed Lee's veterans, like the English just before "Agincourt," had been "shrewdly out of beef," but Hampton knew that (as the Constable of France allowed of his adversaries on the eve of that historic day), "give them great meals of beef, and iron and steel, they will eat like wolves and fight like devils."

To penetrate so far to the enemy's rear seemed to many of the boldest a rash undertaking, but the actual "cutting out" of this immense herd (by official count, two thousand four hundred and eighty-six) was brilliantly accomplished under the very noses of the astounded Federals, and then came the most critical part of the expedition. To "round up" and bring off such a number of cattle demanded the readiest shrewdness, coolest courage and wariest management. The enemy, after their first overwhelming amazement, recovered their wits; telegraph wires were kept hot from City Point to Grant's front, and very speedily Hampton was so hard pressed by both cavalry and infantry that a less resolute fighter would have abandoned his booty and thought only of escape. But Hampton knew Lee's great need of proper food for the men, and at all times was an officer of prompt resource and most stubborn courage. He placed Venable and Ryal in charge of the

escort that was to drive the cattle and turned about himself to hold the swarming enemy in check, until the cattle might be herded across the Nottoway to some point of safety. 'Twas a great feat, accomplished with consummate skill and judgment, and who of us can ever forget the great shout that went up from the gaunt veterans in the trenches, to whom it meant returning health and vigor and renewed strength to fight on for the cause that grew ever closer to their hearts.

In his official report, Hampton says (September 27th, 1864): "Major Venable, of my staff, was ordered to superintend this movement of the cattle, and, with Major Ryal, Provost Marshal, who had been very efficient in conducting it up to this time, to place them quickly across the Nottoway River at Freeman's Ford. These officers discharged their duty admirably, and the successful manner in which the cattle were brought off is due very much to their zeal and enterprise."

On October 27th, in the great action at Hatcher's Run, in which Grant received another lesson that we "still could sting," and sting sharply, Venable, while carrying an important message from gallant "Jimmy" Deering, one of Lee's "Boy-Brigadiers" to Hampton, in making his way through the heavily-wooded country, rode headlong into the enemy's pickets and was promptly captured. He was at once carried before the officer commanding that part of the picket line, who, very improperly, threatened him with direful bodily harm when Venable flatly refused to answer a single one of his questions. He would *not even tell him to whose command he belonged.* The officer became more irate, and more insistent that he should tell him at once the position and number of troops engaged and other like information. Venable, who never "set his life at a pin's fee" in any matter involving soldierly honor, and who could be, on occasion, as scornful as he was fearless, blazed out upon the Federal commander with such scathing words as the latter probably never forgot. In his official report of the part borne by his command in this battle, Brigadier-General Thos. V. Egan, U. S. V. (on whose line he was captured) has but little to say of the incident, but that little "speaks volumes" to those who knew Venable, and who can "read between the lines": "Here my skirmishers captured Major Venable, formerly Inspector-General of Stuart's Cavalry, and now Adjutant-General (it is thought [sic]) of Hampton's Division. HE WOULD GIVE NO INFORMATION!" That officer little knew the adamant he was up against!

The romantic story of Venable's adventures after his capture and confinement in the "Old Capitol Prison" in Washington, his dare-devil escape by leaping through the window of the car that was carrying him to "Fort Delaware," as the train slowed up in the dusk of evening near Philadelphia—his successful concealment, through the active help of "Southern Sympathizers" in that rabid and envenomed "City of

Brotherly Love" (old St. Louis friends of Stuart's were these sympathizers), who not only secreted the young Virginian at great personal risk, but pressed upon him unlimited money for emergencies—his cool assumption of the role of an "oil land promoter"—his frequent trips to the Pennsylvania oil fields to pick up hints for better playing the "part"—his writing his fiancée, Miss Stevens (who had come on to Baltimore with her aunt to avoid the persecution in St. Louis of "Rebel sympathizers"), begging her to make a few rapid preparations for marriage, following up the letter (characteristically) with a telegram, "Come with your aunt at once"—their marriage by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Plummer in his "study," who had been his father's classmate at college, and who was then living in Philadelphia—his wife's departure within a few days Southward for Baltimore, while he fared Westward to the oil fields—his making his way gradually, through help of "the underground," to Hagerstown, Maryland—his dash, one stormy night, on a fleet horse to an unguarded point on the Potomac—the perilous swim across—and so back to freedom, and "Old Virginia"—all this, as wild as any chapter in Stevenson or Dumas, must be told at another time and in another place. A comrade heard him recount the story soon after his return, and begged him to write it down then, and he half-promised to do so, but, as so often happens, never did.

Just after the disastrous "Retreat," which culminated in the Surrender" at Appomattox C. H., Mrs. Venable got permission from the Federal authorities to come to Virginia, and after many inevitable hardships reached her husband's home in Prince Edward. The whole of that section had been ravaged by the enemy, and desolation reigned supreme. He had now a wife to care for, besides others dependent on him, and without any idle repining at the malice of fortune, at once went to "work with a will."

Of his life after the war there is small need to speak. It was the same as that of the great majority of his old comrades.

Enough to say, that he illustrated in every task he essayed that pithy dictum of a great English thinker that "the reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another."

His wife now fortunately came into her property, and he himself again accumulated a comfortable competence, which within a few years was lost through misplaced confidence in others. Once more with no repining, he began the battle of life, this time as a simple farmer, and thenceforth devoted himself in chief measure to advancing agricultural interests throughout the Commonwealth, being for years prominently identified with the revived "State Fair" and active in the management of other kindred organizations.

A simple farmer he indeed continued to the end outwardly, but in his heart of hearts he always remained a soldier.

He was never "reconstructed" and disdained to pretend that he was. He was not "glad that the war ended as it did," and was not slow to express his virile scorn for those who thus "bowed down in the House of Rimmon."

For the past two or three years, his health had been steadily failing, but the spirit of the man was invincible, and he never for a moment abated his activities, so that when the blow fell at last, his death proved a great shock both to family, kinsmen and friends.

On October 15th, after a few days' illness he passed quietly away at "Milnwood," "surrendering his pure soul unto his Captain, Christ."

He lived in a great time and bore himself through all the "stress and storm" of it in a manner worthy of his historic lineage.

After the war there were long years in which he was tried as by fire, but he ever proved all gold. And he has left to wife and children, to kinsmen and comrades, as a precious legacy, the fragrant memory of his tenderness and purity, his generosity and integrity, his nice sense of honor and chivalric courage, and of all those stern and gentle virtues that we unconsciously associate with the loftiest type of the high-bred gentleman and dauntless soldier.

In contemplating this heroic life, thus rounded, at the last, with the sleep which He giveth His beloved, we, who miss him and hold him in our hearts, rising above our own selfish sorrow, can surely say of him, as Milton says of Samson:

"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail;

\* \* \* \* nothing but well and fair,

And what may quiet us in a death so noble."

W. GORDON MCCABE.

December 6th, 1909.

Children of Maj. Andrew Reid Venable and Adeline Stevens, his wife.

A. Samuel Wetherell Venable, d. y.

B. Mary Thomas Venable, d. y.

C. Andrew Reid Venable, Jr., A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1888, mar. Jane F. Schoen. Children: 1. Jane Reid.

D. Woodson Venable, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1891.

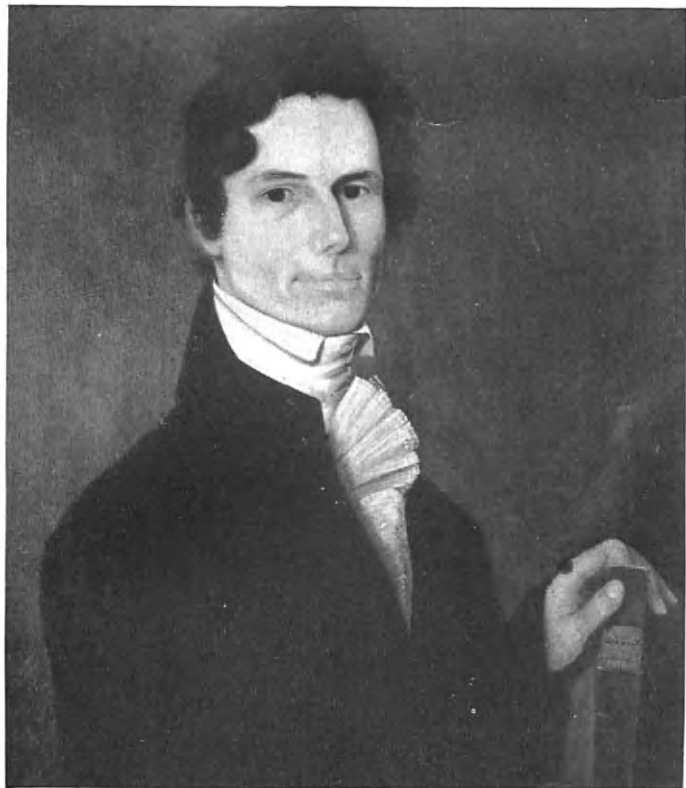
E. Addie Venable.

F. Jane Reid Venable.

VI. Jane Reid Venable.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Samuel Woodson Venable, Jr., of "Vineyard," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*





Portrait

ABRAHAM WATKINS VENABLE  
(1799-1876)



Bust



## CHAPTER XII

ABRAM WATKINS VENABLE  
OF "BROWNSVILLE," GRANVILLE CO., N. C.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

ABRAHAM WATKINS VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Oct. 17, 1799; d. Feb. 19, 1876, Oxford, Granville Co., N. C.; mar., 1824, Isabella Alston Brown, dau. of Thomas Brown, M.D. of Scotland. Dr. Thomas Brown, in 1838, inherited by right of entail his family estate of "Auchlachan" near Lesnahago, Lanarkshire, Scotland, whence he had emigrated to North Carolina in the latter part of the 18th century. Abram Watkins Venable and his wife, Isabella Alston Brown, removed (1838) from Prince Edward Co., Va., to live on Dr. Brown's estate, "Brownsville," near Oxford, N. C. Abram W. Venable, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, Va., 1816; studied medicine for several years; M.A., Princeton, 1819; admitted to the bar in 1821; Presidential elector on Jackson-Van Buren ticket, 1832; Presidential elector, 1836; member of the U. S. Congress, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1853, from N. C.; Democratic elector, 1860, from N. C.; Representative of Granville district, N. C., in the Confederate Congress when Richmond was the seat of Government. He was a staunch friend of John C. Calhoun to whom he rendered some service in his last illness. The State of South Carolina, in appreciation of this, presented Abram W. Venable with a handsome bust of himself. (This trophy is now the property of Mrs. A. H. Caldwell of Tucson, Arizona, his great-grand-daughter.) He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for over fifty years and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney College. Children:

- I. Thomas Brown Venable, Maj. C. S. A.; d. June 23, 1894; mar. Jan. 12, 1854, in Oxford, N. C., Cordelia Kingsbury. Children:
  - A. Abraham Watkins Venable, b. Jan. 13, 1855; d. May 5, 1890.
  - B. Thomas Russell Venable, b. Aug. 19, 1856.
  - C. Mary Grace Venable, b. July 14, 1858; d. Feb. 25, 1881.
  - D. Martha Venable, d. y.

- E. Elizabeth Belle Venable, b. Dec. 9, 1866; mar. Thomas R. Southerland. Children:
1. Thomas Jefferson Southerland.
  2. Grace Southerland, mar. Mr. Allen. (Record furnished by Miss Kingsbury, Registrar of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames.)
- II. Mary Grace Venable, mar. Richard Venable Daniel. Children:
- A. Isabella Venable, mar. Alexander Strachan Jones, M.D. Children:
1. Alexander Strachan Jones, Jr., mar. Katherine Wynn ——. Children: a. Katherine Jones. b. May Jones. c. Margaret Jones. d. Alexander Jones.
  2. Abram Venable Jones.
  3. Rebecca Morton Jones.
  4. May Venable Jones, a talented writer and portrait painter, mar. Archibald Henderson Caldwell of Salisbury, N. C. Children: a. Archibald H. Caldwell, Jr. b. Isabella Venable Caldwell. (This family now lives in Tucson, Arizona.)
  5. Isabella Daniel Jones, mar. John Hall, Jr., of Ala. Children: a. Isabella Daniel Hall.
- III. Dr. Samuel Frederick Venable, Capt. C. S. A.; mar. (I) Gertrude Henderson of Louisiana (his wife and five children died of yellow fever in 1873). Children:
- A. Blanche Venable (the only survivor of yellow fever epidemic), mar. Rev. Barnwell Rhett Anderson of S. C. Children: 1. Margaret Anderson. 2. Venable Anderson. 3. Elizabeth Anderson. 4. Gertrude Anderson. 5. Barnwell Anderson, Jr. 6. Egbert Anderson.
- Dr. Samuel F. Venable mar. (II) Mary Tennent of Charleston, S. C. Children:
- B. Mary Grace Venable, a missionary to China; mar. Dr. Wm. Berst, a medical missionary to China, and died "tragically early."
- C. Charles Tennent Venable, of Bedford City, Va.; mar. Grace Wendell, of Ohio. Children:
1. Jean Venable. 2. Mary Jane Venable. 3. Grace Venable. 4. Charles Venable. 6. Julia Venable.
- IV. Martha Elizabeth Venable (1833-1877), mar. (I) Samuel Venable Morton. No children. She mar. (II), 1865, Robert Alston Hamilton (1818-1888). Children:
- A. Alston Hamilton, b. 1871; mar. Oct. 20, 1896, Nannie Thomp-

son Creel, b. 1877. He is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy; Col. Coast Artillery, U. S. A., 9th Coast Artillery District, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal. (1924), "An able man, recognized here and abroad, on account of his treatise on Ballistics." Children:

1. John Creel Hamilton, b. 1897, graduated at U. S. Military Academy; First Lieut. 11th Cavalry, U. S. A.,
2. Mary Elizabeth Alston Hamilton, b. 1911.

B. James Brown Hamilton, b. 1873; mar. 1899 Helen Knapp. Children:

1. James Hamilton, b. 1901.
2. Alston Hamilton, b. 1903; d. 1912.

V. Isabella Brown Venable, mar. Capt. Stephen Taylor Martin; a Presbyterian minister. Children:

A. Annie Belle Martin.

B. Abraham Venable Martin, Prof. in Presbyterian College of S. C.; mar. Mary Barnett, dau. of the late Dr. E. H. Barnett, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga. Children:

1. Edward B. Martin.
2. Stephen Taylor Martin.
3. Abram Venable Martin, Jr.
4. Caroline T. Martin.

C. Martha Alexander Martin, mar. George L. Burr of Cornell Univ., N. Y. Children: 1. Taylor Martin Burr.

D. Stephen Taylor Martin, Jr., d. 1899, age twenty-seven.

E. Edward Vernon Martin, died age five years.

F. Grace Vernon Martin, mar. George L. Walker. Children: 1. George L. Walker, Jr.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Abram Watkins Venable of "Brownsville," Granville County, North Carolina.*



## CHAPTER XIII

MILDRED COLES (VENABLE) SHEPPERSON  
OF "ROSEDALE," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HER DESCENDANTS

MILDRED COLES VENABLE, b. at "Springfield," Prince Edward Co., Va., Mar. 27, 1803; mar. Rev. Charles Shepperson, a Presbyterian minister, [A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1832, died in Indian Territory in 1895]. They lived in early life on their plantation "Rosedale," Prince Edward Co., Va. (Every effort to locate descendants of this line has been made—not only by the writer, but also by other relatives interested—letters have been returned unanswered.) Children:

I. Mary Shepperson.

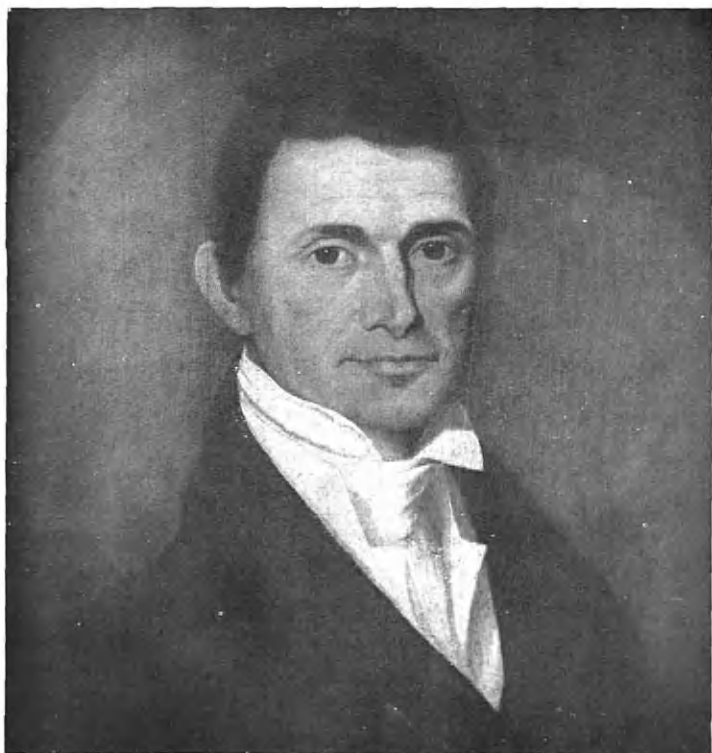
II. Sarah Shepperson, mar. Mr. Waddell [her descendants own the beautiful oil portrait of Mildred Coles Venable, as well as the miniature of Mary S. (Carrington) Venable, her mother.]

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Mildred Coles (Venable) Shepperson of "Rosedale," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Samuel Woodson Venable  
of "Springfield," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*

PART III

*William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket" and  
His Descendants*



WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE  
(1780-1824)  
FRANCES (NANTZ) VENABLE



## CHAPTER I

WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE  
OF "HAYMARKET," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.

WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va. (son of Nathaniel Venable of "Slate Hill" and Elizabeth Woodson Venable, his wife) was born at "Slate Hill," Prince Edward Co., Va., May 30, 1780; d. before Aug. 17, 1824, at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1800; "trustee and an active trustee" of Hampden-Sidney College from May 6, 1807, to his resignation, April 25, 1823. "He was a lieutenant in Capt. Samuel V. Allen's company of cavalry, 1st Reg. (Holcomb's) Virginia Militia in War of 1812." "He saw service in the so-called Battle of Craney Island, near Norfolk, Va., where the British, Admiral Warren, in June, 1813, attempted an attack on a battery placed on the island for the defence of the approach to Norfolk and Portsmouth. The attack ended in a fiasco, the British losing some thirty or forty men, mostly by desertion and capture." He married, in Kentucky, near Springfield, about 1808, Frances Watkins Nantz (b. about 1793 in Springfield, Kentucky, a daughter of Lieut. Frederick Nantz of the Revolutionary Army, and Martha Hughes Watkins, his wife). He and his wife met when her uncle, Gen. Matthew Walton, on his way from Kentucky to U. S. Senate, brought her to Virginia to complete her education. William Lewis Venable was owner of extensive lands in both Virginia and Kentucky, a planter and merchant. His home was his plantation, "Haymarket," near Farmville, Va. The house in which he and his wife lived has long ago been burned and the only traces of it are a few straggling boxwood bushes and the uncared for burying ground, all overgrown with honeysuckle, in the midst of a cultivated field of tobacco.

*Will of William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I, William L. Venable, of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say; I desire that my Executors hereafter named should pay all my just debts that remain unpaid at my death, out of the debts that are

due me and my crop of tobacco, if there should be one on hand made but unsold at my death.

I give my wife, Frances W. Venable, all the negroes that I received by her of Gen'l. Matthew Walton as her marriage portion, to-wit: Anthony, Rachael and her children, now in the State of Kentucky, also a negro boy named George who fell to her by the will of her grandfather, likewise John and Ned Pleasants, my half of the Farmsville Warehouse, my carriage and my whole stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils, carts, wagons, &c. together with the crop of grain and forage of every kind that may be on hand at my death, to her and her heirs forever.

Also I give my wife Frances W. Venable during her widowhood or life, if she should not marry, the plantation on which I live including all the land on the north side of the road leading from the Union Mills to Farmsville, which are supposed to be three hundred and sixty acres or thereabouts, also the following negroes, Lucy, Nancy and her children, Betty, Stephen's wife, old Stephen, Frank Green, Anderson, Henry, Ben, Jerry, Billy, Adam, Glasgow and Lucy's two youngest children, Sally and Eliza.

I give to my daughter Frances M. Venable when she is of age or married one undivided half of a tract of land in the State of Kentucky and County of Ohio, known by the name of Crow's Pond tract and containing three thousand acres, also the following negroes, Jack, Frank, Cate and children, Sam, Anne, Phillis, Fanny, James and Abraham, to her and her heirs forever, also the increase that may take place among the said negroes, after date of this will.

I give to my son Thomas F. Venable one fourth part of the Union Mills, also all the land I have on the south side of the road, leading from the said Mills to Dr. Goodridge Wilson's, supposed to be three hundred acres, when he arrives to the age of twenty three years. Also the following negroes, Coachman Dick, John Brown and Lucy's sons, Dick and Peter, and Betty's two daughters, Betsy and Rhoda, and their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

I give my son, Nath'l. A. Venable, all the land I have at Prince Edward Courthouse, called the Courthouse tract, and all unsold lots in the plan of the town of Hampden, at the age of twenty-three years, also the following negroes, John Barrie, Dick, son of Betty, Tom, Daniel and Dosha and their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter, Martha W. Venable, when she is of age or marries, one undivided half of a tract of land in the State of Kentucky and County of Ohio, containing three thousand acres called the Crow's Pond tract, also the following negroes, guinea Sam, Martha and her children Lucy, Mary, Louisa, Millie and Bob, son of Lucy, to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my son, William Goodridge Venable, my Hay-market tract of land, it being all the land left to my wife during her life or widow-hood, at her death or marriage, supposed to contain about three hundred and sixty acres, also the following negroes, Little Stephen, Moses, Jesse, Lidia, Edward and Shadrack their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

All the negroes which I have given to my wife during her life or widowhood with their increase, it is my will that she shall at any time, or in any way, she shall judge best, either by will or otherwise give them to my children. It is my wish that she should distribute this property among my children as she pleases.

In every case where the increase of negroes is mentioned I wish it understood to be the increase after the date of this will.

The balance that may remain after payment of my debts from the funds mentioned in the first clause of this will, together with my stock in trade, I desire my executors to put at interest, the interest to be drawn annually for the support of my family if necessary, the principal to be divided equally among my children in the following manner;—when one becomes of age or marries, they shall be entitled to receive their proportion of the money and so on till all have received.

If any of my negroes should become vicious or troublesome, I desire my executors to sell them, the proceeds to go to the child to whom said negro has been given by will, or my wife as the case may be. I desire my executors to sell all the lots in the town of Hamden that remain unsold, except the store-house lot, provided there should be a demand for them and they think it to the interest of my son, Nath'l. A. Venable, to sell: the money arising from the sale to be put to interest, and the interest to go to the support and education of my children, but the principal to remain entire, to be paid to my son N. A. Venable when he comes of age.

Should my sons, Thomas F. Venable or Nath'l. A. Venable not live until they are twenty-one years old, and die without heir, I give their portion of my real estate to my son William. The balance of my estate I give to my wife.

I appoint Frances W. Venable, N. E. Venable [of "Longwood,"] Henry E. Watkins and Wm. H. Venable executors of this last will.

I appoint N. E. Venable guardian of my children. In witness of the above will I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of Feb. One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

Wm. L. Venable. (Seal)

May 11th, 1824. The following codicil is to be considered as part of my will. Should the land now held by my brother Richard N. Venable on the south side of Appomattox adjoining me be for sale I

hereby authorize my executors to purchase the same should they think proper, and pay for it with my outstanding debts and stock in trade;

Should the said land be purchased it is to be held to the use of my wife during her life should she remain a widow and then one hundred acres of said land adjoining the land I have given my son William I devise to him and his heirs and the residue of said tract I give to all my children Jointly.

Wm. L. Venable (Seal).

Witness.

R'd. N. Venable

Mary R. Venable

G. Wilson

At a Court held for Prince Edward County August 17th, 1824.

The last will and testament of William L. Venable, dec'd., was presented in Court, and there being no witness to the original will, Abraham W. Venable and James D. Wood being sworn, severally said, they were well acquainted with the handwriting of Wm. L. Venable, that the whole of said original will, together with the signature, thereto, is in the proper handwriting of the said Wm. L. Venable. And the codicil to said will was proved by the oaths of Richard N. Venable and Goodrich Wilson, two witnesses thereto; ordered that the said will and codicil be recorded. On motion of Henry E. Watkins, one of the executors in said will named,—he with Abraham W. Venable, Asa Dupuy, Richard N. Venable, John Booker, James D. Wood and Goodrich Wilson, his securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond for the purpose in the penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars, conditioned according to law, and took oath required by law, certificate for obtaining probate thereof in due form is granted him.

Teste:—B. J. Worsham, D. C.

A copy Teste:—

Horace Adams

Clerk.

*Extracts from records of the War Department.*

The records of this office show that one William L. Venable served in the War of 1812 as a 1st Lieut. in Capt. Samuel V. Allen's Co. of Cavalry, 1st Regt. (Holcombe's) Va. Militia. His services commenced June 29, 1813, and ended October 4, 1813.

His name also appears on a muster roll of that organization dated Camp Bottoms Bridge, Sept. 13, 1814, with remark, "absent sick never joined the troop."

The roll shows that this Co. was from Prince Edward County.

There are no records on file in this office of Capt. Joseph Knight's Company, Col. Lewis Burwell's Regiment, Revolutionary War.

The records show that one Frederick Nance (surname also borne as Nantz) served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Thomas Wills' Company, 15th Virginia Regiment, also known as the 11th and 15th Virginia Regiment and the 11th Virginia Regiment, commanded at different times by Major Gustavus B. Wallace, Col. John Cropper, Col. Daniel Morgan and Col. Abraham Buford. He enlisted August 5, 1777, for three years, rank not shown. He was appointed Sergeant, April 25, 1778; was transferred in May, 1779, to Col. William Russell's Company, 5th and 11th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. William Russell, and his name last appears on the company muster roll for November, 1779, dated Camp near Morristown, December 9, 1779 with remark "To South!"

Children of William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket" and his wife, Frances Watkins Nantz. (They and their descendants will be treated in the following chapters of Part III of this book.)

1. Frances M. Venable, mar. Thomas Flournoy.
2. Thomas Frederick Venable, mar. Mary Priscilla Venable.
3. Nathaniel A. Venable, M.D., mar. Agnes C. Venable.
4. Martha Watkins Venable, mar. Wm. Cabell Flournoy.
5. William Goodridge Venable, mar. (I) Mildred Carrington;  
(II) Sallie Tucker Venable.

Children of Rev. John Proctor and Frances Watkins (Nantz) Venable.

1. John Proctor, d. y.
2. Mary Proctor, mar. Col. Isaac E. Clarke.
3. David Proctor, mar. Anne Elizabeth Cocke.



## CHAPTER II

### FRANCES MATTHEWS (VENABLE) FLOURNOY OF "BENTFIELD," BRUNSWICK CO., VA., AND HER DESCENDANTS

FRANCES MATTHEWS VENABLE, b. at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va., about 1810; d. at "Bentfield," Brunswick Co., Va., Aug. 16, 1863; mar. Aug. 16, 1827, at the residence of her great-aunt, Mrs. J. Pope (wife of Gov. Pope of Kentucky), near Springfield, Ky., Thomas Flournoy, son of Dr. David Flournoy of "Chantilly," Prince Edward Co., Va., and Mary Morton, his first wife. Thomas Flournoy was born July 5, 1804, in Charlotte Co., Va., at the home of his maternal grandfather, Jacob Morton; he died, Dec. 27, 1892, at his home "Bentfield," Brunswick Co., Va. Thomas Flournoy was educated at Hampden-Sidney College, 1821-1823, and at Princeton University where he graduated in 1825. "He was a man of great personal charm and courage." Children:

- I. Mary Agnes Flournoy, b. Aug. 23, 1828; mar. William H. Marshall, M.D. Children:
  - A. Sallie Anne Marshall, mar. Judson Lloyd. Children:
    - 1. Mary Lloyd, mar. — Wade. Children: a. James S. Wade.
    - 2. John Lloyd, d. y.
    - 3. Kathleen Lloyd, mar. Arthur Field. Children: a. Mary Agnes Field. b. Sarah Field.
    - 4. Robert Lloyd.
  - B. Fannie T. Marshall, mar. Wm. H. Marshall. Children:
    - 1. Pattie Venable Marshall.
    - 2. James Marshall.
  - C. Amanda F. Marshall.
  - D. James Marshall, mar. Carey Knox. Children:
    - 1. James Marshall. 2. Ruth Marshall.
  - E. Louise Cabell Marshall, mar. Matthews Fink. Children:
    - 1. Marshall Scott Fink. 2. Paul Fink. 3. Miriam Fink.
  - F. Pattie Venable Marshall, mar. Wood Dunham.

- II. David Flournoy, M.D., b. May 20, 1829; mar. Mattie D. Bouldin, dau. of Judge Wood Bouldin. Children:  
A. Fannie Venable Flournoy, d. s.  
B. Thomas Flournoy.
- III. Frances Watkins Flournoy, b. Sept. 24, 1830; mar. Hon. Thomas Tyler Bouldin (she was his second wife), Judge of the State Court of Va., member of Congress, 1829-33; d. in Washington, D. C., Feb. 11, 1834, son of Wood Bouldin and Joanna Tyler, his wife. Children:  
A. Fanny Louis Bouldin, mar. Preston Buford.  
B. Mary Willie Bouldin.  
C. Henry Wood Bouldin, mar. Lilla Coles. Children:  
1. Fanny Lewis Bouldin, mar. Thomas Spratly.  
2. Lilla Bouldin, mar. Oska Shoemaker.  
3. Thomas Tyler Bouldin, mar. Louise Coles.  
D. Ellen Barksdale Bouldin.  
E. Martha Cabell Bouldin, mar. — Gentry, a Methodist minister.  
F. Flournoy Bouldin, an Episcopal minister, mar. Annie White. Children: 1. Elizabeth Bouldin.  
G. Clairborne Bouldin, mar. Mary Crump. Children:  
1. Alice Goode Bouldin. 2. Thomas Tyler Bouldin. 3. Mary Crump Bouldin. 4. Clairborne Bouldin, Jr.  
H. John Lewis Bouldin, mar. Hetty Jones.  
I. Annie Venable Bouldin, mar. Thomas W. Daniel.
- IV. Amanda Nantz Flournoy, b. Mar. 8, 1835; d. s.
- V. William Venable Flournoy, b. Nov. 29, 1835; d. Mar. 30, 1836.
- VI. Martha Venable Flournoy, b. July 28, 1837; mar. William Henry Venable.
- VII. Nathaniel Abram Venable Flournoy, b. Jan. 20, 1839, mar. Laura Lewis. Children:  
A. John Herbert Flournoy, mar. Florence Wilson. Children:  
1. John Wilson Flournoy.  
B. Fannie Venable Flournoy, mar. Charles Kimbro Taylor.  
C. Norborne Lewis Flournoy.  
D. Thomas Lewis Flournoy, mar. Lois Latimer.
- VIII. Elizabeth Anne Flournoy, b. Nov. 26, 1840, mar. Reubin Booth Hicks. Children:  
A. Thomas Hicks, mar. Jennie Bowber. Children:



1. Elizabeth Baten Hicks. 2. Francis Venable Hicks. 3. Thomas Flournoy Hicks. 4. Reubin Booth Hicks.

B. David Flournoy.

C. Frances Venable Flournoy.

- IX. Louise Cabell Flournoy, b. Nov. 2, 1841, mar. Richard Field.  
Children:

A. Kate Field, mar. Horace Hayden.

B. Fanny Venable Field, mar. Oscar Collins.

C. Sallie Field, mar. —.

D. David Field, mar. —.

E. Eva Field, mar. Dr. Robert E. Lee Morton.

F. Louise Field, mar. Albert McCracken.

G. Meade Field.

H. George Field, killed in World War.

I. Martha Venable Field, d. y.

J. Nona Field, mar. — Sandridge.

K. Anna Morton Field, mar. Wm. Moran.

- X. Jacob Morton Flournoy, b. Oct. 7, 1843; mar. Mildred Coles Carrington. Children:

A. Walter Carrington Flournoy, d. 1896, age twenty-one.

B. Thomas Flournoy.

C. Anna Lightfoot Flournoy.

D. Elizabeth Morton Flournoy.

- XI. William Venable Flournoy, b. Oct. 24, 1846.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Frances Matthews (Venable) Flournoy of "Bentfield," Brunswick County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER III

THOMAS FREDERICK VENABLE  
OF "SCOTT-GREENE," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

THOMAS FREDERICK VENABLE, b. Feb. 24, 1812, at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Dec. 25, 1881, at "Kinderton," Lake Co., Fla., near Leesburg. He married at "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va., July 16, 1834, Mary Priscilla Venable, b. Oct. 8, 1815; d. Oct. 14, 1881, daughter of Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va., and Mary Embry Scott, his wife.

He was educated under private tutors, at Hampden-Sidney College and the University of Virginia. He was impractical, idealistic, sensitive and romantic and, to the day of his death, was a student. He read and reread his Shakespeare, completing all the volumes each year. He was a serious student of botany, as his twelve volume herbarium, filled with specimens gathered from every southern state, attests. He was a musician of taste and talent, a performer on the flute, and was an amateur artist of unusual skill. His old-fashioned album with its prim delicate paintings is even yet treasured by his descendants. Several poems and plays still preserved, reflect credit on him as a writer.

As a sportsman he loved riding and hunting and fishing and fencing. His foils are now in the possession of one of his grandchildren.

The following is an extract from an account of him published in the Hampden-Sidney *Kaleidoscope* for 1900:

MR. "V."

By Rev. T. W. Hooper, D.D.

"Mr. V." is not his whole name, but the abbreviated form, and was applied by his wife, who was a cousin with the same name, but who intended to avoid the Yankee custom of a wife's calling her husband "George," or "William," or "Sam." And thus it came about that everybody called him "Mr. V.," and he responded as naturally as if it had exhausted the whole alphabet. When I first knew him, it had been long enough since he was a Freshman for his eldest son to

be a member of that verdant class, a class to which I also was added in 1850; and strung along from this eldest son, there was the patriarchal number of children, about equally divided, male and female.

Ah, me! nearly half a century has gone since those Freshman days, and how quickly the mind, like a huge flashlight, sends its rays along the intervening years! And how the boys and girls, who made things lively in those bright days of new life to the college, have been scattered far and wide! and how many, alas! are gone!

Rev. L. W. Green, D.D., had just entered upon his brilliant career as president, and the newly introduced scholarship system had brought new students from far and near. The region round about was in a high state of cultivation under the old slave system, where master and servant were on the best of terms. And there, peace and plenty reigned supreme and old-time hospitality made an earthly paradise.

Mr. V. had a plantation near Farmville, but so many "olive plants" adorned his dwelling, that for the sake of economy, he moved his family to "The Hill," at Hampden-Sidney College, where Mrs. V. lived in the house now occupied by Professor Thornton. The boys were entered in College with William, the oldest son, as my classmate; the younger ones being "Preps," then taught by a tutor in the "Steward's Hall." And, as the years glided by, the older boys, one by one, entered college, and later on, the girls fell into my hands, as a kind of private tutor.

After the fashion of those days, Mr. V. came over only on Saturday night for the week-end. The rest of the time he spent at the old home, keeping bachelor's hall, and surrounded by hospitable neighbors, most of them relatives. Here he exercised a general supervision of the overseers while the crops were growing, but, when these were gathered and housed, he moved to Hampden-Sidney, and kept the table supplied with wild turkeys.

But he enjoyed the society of the professors, both of the College and Seminary; and among the students of the latter was an Irishman, who was a perpetual source of amusement to him. He loved to hear his rich Irish brogue, and used to get him to read Hebrew to him, and insisted that Hebrew in Irish brogue was the richest language ever spoken!

My seminary course, I began in New York, but was tolled away, by various unconscious and co-operating causes. Among these, I was invited to live a few miles here in the country, to teach a young girl Latin, and a horse was furnished for me to ride over to recitations at Hampden-Sydney College.

But one of those unforeseen circumstances that will change the current of our lives, led to my return to residence at "The Hill." Mrs. V. concocted a scheme for me to hear her oldest daughter's Latin

lessons. When she went off to boarding-school in Richmond, Mrs. V. had me hear the younger girls recite. Then, when these required the services of a governess, I asked her in triumph, "Now, will I not be allowed to pay board?" (Every home in Hampden-Sidney was opened to the boys and to a large extent these took the place of dormitories.) But with gentleness and firmness, she replied, "I have told you over and over again, you should never pay me a cent. You ask a blessing at the table, and you help to keep the boys straight, and you shall never pay me a cent." That ended it so far as she was concerned; but I never see one of those children, or hear of them, that I do not recall the kindness of that dear, generous woman.

One of her children married a native missionary of Brazil, another married a judge in Florida. But strange to say, when I was pastor in Selma, Ala., a Mr. S. D. Holt moved there, and became an elder in my church, and one of these little pupils of mine was his wife. But for years I could not get her fixed in my memory; until some one said, "Catty is one of your flock, now." Then as the unknown "Kate" vanished, I recognized my little "Catty," and went back to the old parlor recitation-room at Mr. V's.

Ah, me! When I float back in memory to those golden college days, how young I feel, and how the boys and girls come fairy-like, to welcome me from that dim mist of the days that are gone! When I meet one of the old residents of "The Hill" who sprang from that family, I am back again sitting on the grassy yard, cracking jokes with Mr. V., or listening to him spinning yarns with Professor Holladay as they were busily engaged in fixing their accoutrements for a turkey hunt. . . .

His childhood years were spent in Kentucky with his aunt, Frances (Watkins) Walton (widow of Gen. Mathew Walton, brother of the Georgia "Signer") who married, second, Hon. J. Pope, Governor of Kentucky. There he became acquainted with his cousin, the celebrated Octavia Walton Le Vert, with whom he corresponded many years.

It might be well here to give a description of him—he was tall and thin and had black eyes and dark brown hair and in manner was a true representative of the leisurely, affable, care-free gentlemen of the "Old South."<sup>1</sup>

Mary Priscilla Venable, daughter of Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," was born Oct. 8, 1815, and died at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., Oct. 14, 1881 (will proved Nov. 22, 1881,

<sup>1</sup>Material for this and the following sketch came from Mrs. Henry W. Edmunds, daughter of Thomas F. Venable and Mary Priscilla (Venable) Venable, his wife.

Prince Edward Co., Va.); she married at "Longwood," on July 16, 1834, Thomas Frederick Venable of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va., her second cousin.

She was educated first by governesses, as was usual at that time in Virginia, and then for several years at a fashionable boarding school, Mr. Reid's, in Lynchburg. She was proficient in French and music and Latin, which, with the English classics, made up for the most part the required curriculum. We have heard several old ladies who had known her speak enthusiastically of her skill as a pianist.

She was a woman of firmness of character, earnestness of religion, and great executive ability. Although she had a housekeeper, her large family of children and servants made her of necessity methodical. "She was much admired, and not merely for her beauty of person."

A miniature of her in her wedding dress painted for her Uncle Henry Scott whose heir she was, has been lost.

She made in every way a perfect foil for her husband. She was small, scarcely over five feet five, and had blue eyes and soft light brown hair, and a faultless clear complexion.

*MARRIAGE BOND OF THOMAS F. VENABLE and MARY P. VENABLE*

Farmville, July 9th, 1834.

This is to certify that I, Nath'l. E. Venable of the County of Prince Edward have consented and do consent to the marriage of Thomas F. Venable to my daughter Mary P. Venable, and this is to authorize the Clerk of the County to give the proper license.

Nat'l. E. Venable.

Witness:

Thomas Watkins

Robert F. Lester

10 July 1834, proved by

Thos. Watkins

B. J. Worsham, C. C.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS. That we Thos. F. Venable and Thos. Watkins are held and firmly bound unto L. W. Tazewell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, current money, to be paid to the said Governor for the time being, and his successors in office; to which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 10th day of July 1834.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas

there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above named Thos. F. Venable and Mary P. Venable daughter of N. E. Venable of this County; Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in force.

Thos. F. Venable (Seal).

Thos. Watkins (Seal).

Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
B. J. Worsham

A copy Teste

Horace Adams, Clerk.

*Will of Mary Priscilla Venable, wife of Thomas F. Venable, her cousin, of  
"Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va.*

I Mary P. Venable do make this my will. I desire that the whole of my estate shall be charged with the support and maintenance of my beloved Husband, Thomas F. Venable during his life and Scott Green shall be his home so long as he may desire. I direct that the bonds of Thomas F. Venable assigned to me by Clement R. Venable in the hands of my trustee Nathaniel E. Venable shall be and so far as required, for the purchase of the sixty acres of land deeded to Thomas F. Venable by Nathaniel E. Venable situated North West of my dwelling; for the purpose of giving better shape to my land, either for sale or division.

My individual property consists of all the land deeded to me by my Father N. E. Venable, except the two portions deeded by T. T. Totty and Abram Venable. An obligation made me by Thomas F. Venable and recorded in the Clerk's Office, for signing a deed to T. T. Totty for a portion of said land, the same being provided for in a deed of trust made by Thomas F. Venable to Abram B. Venable for the benefit of certain creditors. The bonds made over to me by Clement R. Venable provided for in Thomas F. Venable's deed to Abram B. Venable trustee, Also my portion in lieu of dower in the land deeded by Thomas F. Venable to Abram B. Venable trustee for the benefit of certain creditors (named in said deed). The above named property and a bond assigned me by T. T. Totty provided for in the deed made by Thomas F. Venable to Abram B. Venable trustee an undefined interest in the property of Dr. Nat A. Venable turned over to me by Clement R. Venable in settlement with S. Woodson Venable Administrator of Dr. N. A. Venable The same being on record in the Clerks Office.

I will and direct that this property representing Nine equal shares shall be divided as follows. To my daughter Frederica Venable and

Canty Reed I give two shares each. To my daughter Gertrude Hocker and my sons Robt. C. Venable and C. Fontaine Venable, I give each one share. To my sons Nathaniel E. Venable and M. Walton Venable and daughter Harriett Edmunds and Catharine S. Holt I give each one half of a share. These shares and half shares go to the persons named if living, if not, to their natural heirs.

Besides the provisions made for my daughter Frederica in the foregoing, I give her all the household furniture allowed me by law under the deed of Thomas F. Venable, also all of my interest in the unsold or growing crops on the place at the time of my decease.

Mary P. Venable

Novr. 15th 1878.

Prince Edward County Court Nov, 22nd 1881

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary P. Venable deceased was produced in Court by N. E. Venable and their being no subscribing witnesses thereto, F. N. Watkins and J. W. Womack were sworn and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the testatrix's hand writing and verily believe that said writing and the name thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the Testatrix's hand; Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Mary P. Venable deceased.

Teste: H. R. Hooper, Clerk.

A copy,

Teste:—Horace Adams Clerk.



CHART OF THE ANCESTORS OF MARY PRISCILLA  
VENABLE OF "SCOTT-GREENE," PRINCE EDWARD  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A cross (+) is placed before the name of each of those who have rendered service in Colonial affairs, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812.

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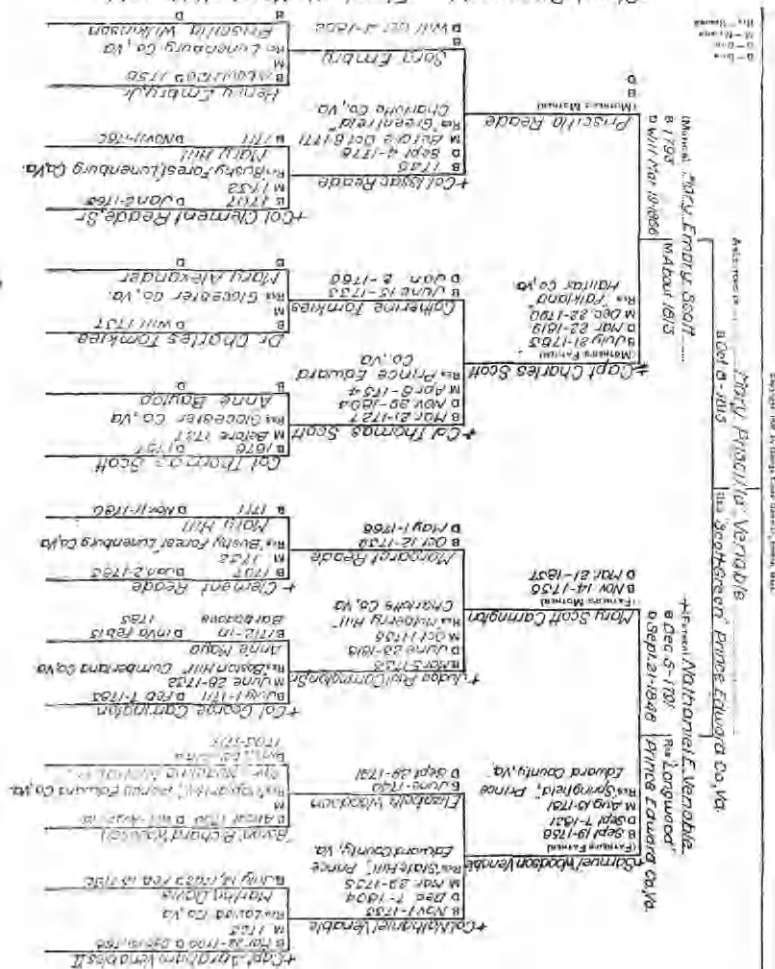
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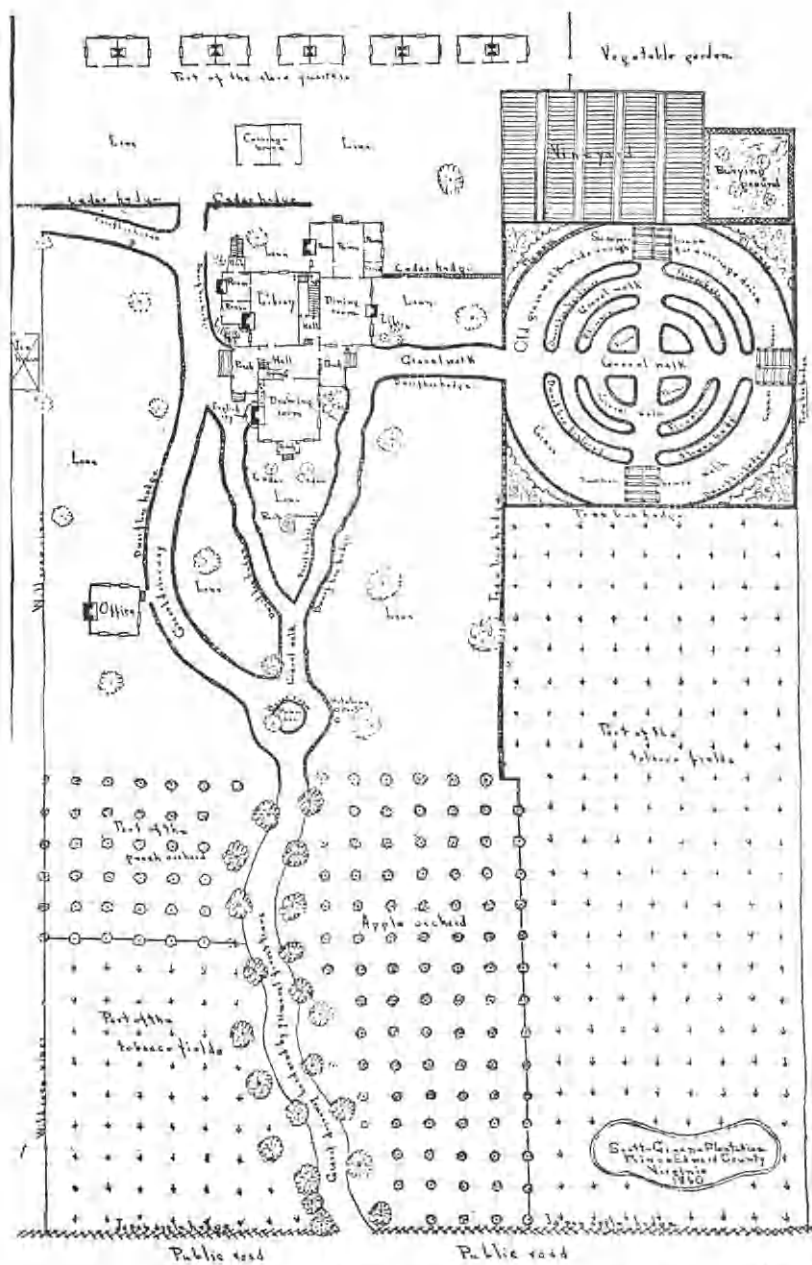
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Chart Prepared by, Elizabeth Marshall Venable





*"Scott-Greene," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*

"Scott-Greene," Prince Edward County, Virginia, was from 1834 to 1860 the most beautiful place in all that part of the country. It was named for two Revolutionary heroes—Generals Nathaniel Greene and Winfield Scott. It came into the Venable family as a wedding gift to Mary Priscilla Venable from her father, Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood" on her marriage in 1834 to Thomas Frederick Venable, of "Haymarket," her second cousin. Its wonderful trees, among the largest oaks in all Virginia, were the original primeval forest trees.

The approach to the house from the main road, was through a long avenue of these mighty trees. It wound away as it neared the house to allow for a spacious lawn and box-bordered paths about the quaint, old-fashioned, rambling wooden house. There also, numerous immense oaks spread their vast branches to such an extent, even, that parts of the house were almost obscured.

The open space about the mansion, of "great House," as the darkies called it, was broken, here and there by the various outbuildings so commonly found on these old Virginia plantations. The "office" a two story wooden structure, was in one corner of the yard. It was used in "before the war-times" by the tutor as a schoolroom; and as a store-room for the hunting paraphernalia of the boys; and, sometimes, as sleeping rooms for them when the hospitality of the "great house" was taxed. The ice house, and the carriage house and the stables and the green house and the "quarters", several small cabins in the rear for the house servants, were not far distant from the house. The "quarters" for the rest of the hundred slaves were about the various springs scattered over the plantation.

To the east, was the garden—an acre in extent—with its intricate box-bordered paths, circular grass drive away, grotto, summer houses and flower beds and sundial,—in all, the pride and joy of Beverly, the old gardener, and his train of youthful assistants.

The house, itself, was a frame structure which "grew"—a room here and there as the demands of the family increased. Tiny windows with numerous panes of glass, the front porch with its plain Doric columns, the five tall chimneys and the jutting side porches lent a distinct charm to the outline. The interior was as interesting, with its floors on different levels and its "cuddy holes" and winding stairs and its "ghosts." All the adjuncts of an antebellum home were there: the commodious wine cellars, and store rooms and kitchen in the ample basement. In grandmother's day the spacious rooms with glistening waxed floors and claw-footed mahogany; the library with its books and musical instruments, its albums and its herbarium; the drawing room

—often used for dancing—with its spionet and engravings and the portrait of the "Longwood" grandfather over the old fireplace were charming indeed. Then the mahogany beds and high-boys and low boys, and so forth, of the two upper stories quite completed the comfort of the old-fashioned home.

In its ante-bellum luxury, it must have been delightful for the "Scott-Greene" dinners and "teas" and dances were the most splendid of the neighborhood, except, perhaps, those of the Longwood Venables, not far away. They were graced by Hampden-Sidney College boys and professors and neighboring planters and fair Virginia belles many of whose names and descendants have become famous in other states. Then too, there were the faithful servants (some of whose names have come down to us) to minister to their slightest wish: Beverly, the gardener; Peter, the coachman; Betsy, the cook; Docia and "Aunt Peggy," the seamstresses; Harriet and Henrietta, the house maids; Patsy, the waitress, and her several assistants; Jennie Black, the house-keeper, Jenny Red, and the Butler, whose name has been forgotten, and younger darkies to do the bidding of these,—all efficient and respectfully devoted according to the custom of servants of those happy days. The women in their blue home-spun dresses with their white kerchiefs and caps, harmonized with the stately dignified surroundings. Blooded horses, descended from the imported Arabian mares, "Wildwood" and "Peacock," brought over by Samuel Woodson Venable, Sr. of "Springfield," filled the stables and blooded dogs, the kennels, so one may guess the fox hunts and the gallops they inspired.

All this peaceful life was ended by the Civil War. "While there were no Federal troops in that part of the state until the last few days of the war, the people had the great burden of carrying the refugees from other sections already over run by the enemy. Conditions were such, at times, that starvation and dire want were at the door of most people, for those who had, must divide with those who had not." As "Scott-Greene" was situated *not* many miles from the celebrated Appomattox Court House, it lay just in the path of the opposing armies. To one, it gave freely, and by the other it was systematically looted, though, sometimes, it must be admitted, the Union Commanders near, placed guards to protect house and property. Once, even, General Grant did the ladies of the family the courtesy of sending his army band to serenade them! He had been associated at West Point with Nathaniel E. Venable, who, by the way, was even at that time, fighting in the Southern Army, as were also other sons of the house! Anyway, by the end of the struggle, everything was beginning to show signs of decay: the boxwood, uncut; the gardens, orchards and fields neglected; the farm yard deserted; the store houses and cellars empty; and the house uncared for. In the fifty-nine years that have passed

since the surrender of Lee, the place has been falling surely into complete decay. First, the porches were blown away in a storm, then the garden was plowed up for a tobacco field, one by one the stately trees of the yard and driveway were struck by lightning until nearly every one of these grand old oaks have disappeared and a visitor today will find difficulty in believing that the charming "Scott-Greene" of 1860 ever existed.<sup>1</sup>

Children of Thomas F. Venable and Mary P. Venable, his wife:

- I. William Lewis Venable, b. at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., Apr. 7, 1835; d. in prison at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill., Mar. 15, 1863, age 26 years. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1850-55. C. S. A., volunteered as private in the 6th Texas Regiment, captured at Arkansas Post by Gen. Sherman and sent to prison (June, 1862) near Springfield, Ill. He never married.
- II. Nathaniel E. Venable of Leesburg, Lake Co., Fla., and Farmville, Va., b. Dec. 2, 1836, at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. May 13, 1893 in Leesburg, Fla. He was appointed to West Point, where he studied two years, until, at the end of his sophomore year an injury to one of his feet made it necessary for him to resign. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1856; C. S. A., First Sergeant Co. I, 23rd. Va. Reg., 2nd Brigade, 2nd Corps, Stonewall Jackson's Division. He was captured at Battle of Kernstown and went to prison in Fort Delaware, exchanged, promoted to 1st Lieut. Marine Corps; served in and around Richmond the rest of the war. He married, Apr. 13, 1870, Emily Crenshaw Miller of Victoria, Texas, b. Sept. 29, 1845; d. Apr. 18, 1923. Children:
  - A. Lucile Venable, b. Jan. 12, 1871, in Leesburg, Florida; mar. Clarence Edward Moore. Children:
    1. Venable Moore. 2. Lucile Moore.
  - B. Natalie Venable, b. Apr. 7, 1872; mar. May 22, 1894, Sydney Haile of Gainesville, Fla., b. Oct. 16, 1865, son of Thomas Evans Haile and Esther Serena (Chesnut) Haile of Camden, S. C., who removed to their estate, "Kanapha," near Gainesville, Fla. He graduated at the East Florida Seminary, now the University of Florida. Children:
    1. Marie Chesnut Haile, b. at Monticello, Fla., Mar. 26, 1895.
    2. Vernon Venable Haile, b. at Lake City, Fla., Dec. 6, 1902; d. May 2, 1903.

<sup>1</sup> Information for this sketch came from Mrs. Henry W. Edmunds of "Scott-Greene."

3. Amelia Dozier Haile, } twins, b. at Lake City, Fla., Dec. 21,
4. Emilie Miller Haile, } 1903.
5. Genevieve Venable Haile, b. at Lake City, Fla., Jan. 28, 1905.
- C. Vernon Dean Venable, b. Apr. 14, 1874; mar. May 3, 1912,  
Mrs. Helen Randolph Lea McIlwaine, daughter of Dr. Daniel  
Meade Lea of Richmond, Va. Vernon Venable studied at  
Hampden-Sidney College, 1891-92. Children:

  1. Vernon Dean Venable, Jr., b. Feb. 10, 1913; d. July 15,  
1923.
  2. Jack Lea Venable, b. July 16, 1914.

- D. Genevieve Bacon Venable, b. Aug. 8, 1880; mar. July 6, 1906,  
Waller Morton Holladay, M.D., b. Apr. 13, 1864; d. Dec. 21,  
1913 [son of Lewis Littlepage Holladay, A.B.; A.M.; LL.D.,  
Professor of Physical Science at Hampden-Sidney College, 1855-  
1891, and Ann (Morton) Holladay, his wife]; Dr. Holladay,  
A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1883; Beta Theta Phi; M.D.  
Louisville Medical College, 1885 (first honor); Physician to  
Hampden-Sidney College, 1887-1913; member of the Board of  
Supervisors, Prince Edward Co., 1908-1913. He was a man of  
"brilliance and culture, loftiness of purpose, loyalty and kind-  
liness, the beloved physician." Genevieve Bacon (Venable)  
Holladay was the first National President of the Kappa Delta  
Sorority. Children:

  1. Genevieve Venable Holladay, b. May 17, 1907.
  2. Anne Morton Holladay, b. Oct. 13, 1908.
  3. Emile Crenshaw Holladay, b. Aug. 6, 1910.
  4. Natalie Venable Holladay, b. Oct. 4, 1911.

- III. Abram B. Venable, b. Sept. 8, 1838, at "Scott-Greene," Prince  
Edward Co., Va.; d. June 16, 1885; mar. Sallie Spotswood Bridges  
of Richmond, Va. (sister of Rev. J. R. Bridges, D.D., Editor of  
*The Standard of the South*, Charlotte, N. C.); A.B. Hampden-  
Sidney College, 1857; student at the Univ. of Va.; lawyer and  
editor; C. S. A., volunteered in the "Farmville Grays"; trans-  
ferred to Co. D, 18th Va. Reg., Pickett's Division, a "crack"  
military body,—almost all Eastern Virginians,—that made the first  
great charge at Gettysburg; promoted to First Lieut., acting  
Adjutant. After an honorable discharge from the C. S. A., he  
was owner and editor of the *New Commonwealth*, Farmville, Va.;  
editor of the *Index-Appeal*, Petersburg, Va., *The Enquirer*, Rich-  
mond, Va., and, at the time of his death, was engaged on the *San*

Francisco, Cal., *Examiner*. *The Richmond Dispatch*, in 1860, said of him: "He is a member of the good old Venable family and adds to its reputation by the brilliancy of his talents." *The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette* calls him "a vigorous and able writer." No children.

- IV. Clement Read Venable, b. at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., Feb. 27, 1840; d. May 9, 1888. A.B., A.M. Hampden-Sidney College, 1858; studied at the Univ. of Va. later; C. S. A., volunteered as a private in Co. I., 23d Va. Reg., Stonewall Jackson's Division, promoted, 1864, to Lieut. and transferred to Co. H., 1st Regiment Confederate Engineers. His health was entirely wrecked by his war experience—what we today might call "shell shock"—and he died after a lingering illness. He married Feb. 8, 1867, Alice McGehee of "Prairie Home," Lownds Co., Ala. Children:

A. Thomas McGehee Venable, b. Dec. 9, 1867; mar. —Lamar of the distinguished Alabama family, and died early. Children: One daughter.

B. Nathaniel A. Venable, b. May 7, 1870.

C. Nannie P. Venable, b. Aug. 26, 1873.

- V. Harriet Anne Venable, b. at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., Aug. 19, 1841; d. Farmville, Va., Aug. 12, 1923; mar. Sept. 7, 1864, Henry Watkins Edmunds. She was educated by tutors and governesses and at Miss Pegram's "School for Young Ladies" in Richmond, Va. Her husband, Henry W. Edmunds; A. B. Hampden-Sidney College; C. S. A., private, 23rd Va. Cavalry, Fitz-Hugh Lee's Brigade, J. E. B. Stuart's Division; desperately wounded at Kelly's Ford, Culpepper Co., Va. The following memorial of Harriet A. Venable was written by William M. Thornton, a professor at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Harriett Anne Venable Edmunds of Prince Edward County, Virginia, was the daughter of Thomas F. and Mary P. Venable, and wife of Henry Watkins Edmunds. On August 12, 1923, she passed from earth to Heaven. Born at Scott-Greene, near Farmville, ancestral home of her forbears on October 19, 1841, she was reared in the beauty and dignity and abundance of the old Virginian country life, and was married, September 7th, 1864, to the playmate of her childhood and lover of her later years. Returning shortly after to Scott-Greene as its mistress, she lived in this ancient dwelling a life, broad in its charities as the immemorial oaks that shaded her lawns, fragrant

with its virtues as the sweet succession of the blossoms which adorned her garden. Nine children came to bless this union of whom eight survived to do honor to her golden wedding and now to reverence the memory of her fifty-nine years of wedded happiness. But her great heart reached far out beyond the confines of her home. She was the model of the patriotic woman. The heroisms of war taught her to love her country and the vandalisms of conquest only deepened that love. With feet ever swift to tread the paths of sacrifice and helpfulness, with hands ever strong to lift the burdens from suffering souls, with eyes ever keen to mark the need of the wretched and forlorn, her benignity knew no classes, no sects, no races. She was President of the Daughters of the Confederacy and active in every patriotic enterprise. She was a devout Christian who loved her church and strove ever to advance its power and broaden its charities. In her girlhood she was my Sunday School teacher and as I stood over her grave heaped with flowers laid on it by men and women and children who loved her memory and mourned her loss, the sound of the old lessons was in my ears. Again I heard the admonition of those sacred psalms I once learned for her, the haunting tenderness of those wonderful parables, the noble harmonies of the great hymns of faith, the deep-toned mysteries of redeeming love. And as I listened, I seemed to find them all incarnate in one woman's life.

W. M. T.

#### Children:

A. Edwin Edmunds, b. Aug. 9, 1865; mar. Kate Irwin. Children:

1. Mary Steele Edmunds. 2. Hal Edmunds. 3. John Woodson Edmunds.

B. Thomas Venable Edmunds, b. Sept. 23, 1867; mar. (I) Anna Hurd (no children); mar. (II) Florence Brown. Children:

1. Florence Edmunds. 2. Mary Edmunds. 3. Pauline Edmunds.

C. Maria Elizabeth Edmunds, b. Aug. 4, 1869; mar. (I) Littleton Edmunds; mar. (II) James Riddle Thornton, Professor of Latin at Hampden-Sidney College, 1883 to his death. No children:

D. Mary Embra Edmunds, b. Sept. 7, 1872; mar. Minos E. Miller. Children:

1. Harriett Venable Miller. 2. Mary Pauline Miller. 3. Andrew Pickens Miller.

E. William Morrison Edmunds, b. Feb. 13, 1875; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1895.



F. Richard Watkins Edmunds, b. June 23, 1877; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1899; mar. Ruth Thomas. Children:

1. Hattie Venable Edmunds. 2. Ruth Edmunds. 3. Frederick Edmunds.

G. Paul Gray Edmunds, b. Nov. 26, 1880; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1902; mar. Juliet Eskew.

H. Henry Read Edmunds, A.B., B.S. Hampden-Sidney College, 1905; mar. Ora Odom.

I. Martha Venable Edmunds, b. Mar. 17, 1885; mar. Oct. 19, 1911, Dwight Gray Rivers, M.D. [b. Sept. 26, 1884; M.D. University of Maryland. Post-graduate work in pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University; Nu Sigma Nu, medical fraternity. Capt. 317 Infantry, 80th Division, World War, served in Somme offensive, St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne, Defensive Sector].

He received the two following citations from his Colonel:

(Copied from the original)

(1) Captain Rivers service with the three seventeenth Inf. since October 1917 has been of the highest order. He participated in all the engagements of the regiment. In the Actors Sector (British) in August 1918 and the Meuse Argonne (American) Sept. 26th.-Nov. 11th. 1918. During the latter campaign I had frequent occasion to observe his unfailing devotion to duty, and courageous and meritorious performance thereof. His promotion to captaincy was a result of his splendid work in combat.

(Signed) Chas. Keller  
Col. 317 Inf.

(2) Capt. Rivers has been Regimental Surgeon since Feb. 28th. 1919. He has long merited promotion and has been several times recommended there for without result. Capt. Rivers is an able and efficient surgeon with ability to command the loyalty and coöperation of the personnel under him. He has initiative, and excellent judgement.

(Signed) Chas. Keller  
Col. 317th. Inf.

Children:

1. Dwight Gray Rivers, Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1912.
2. Betty Venable Rivers, b. Dec. 3, 1915.

VI. Catherine Scott Venable, b. Oct. 17, 1843, at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., d. in Asheville, N. C., 1923. She was educated by tutors and governesses at the Farmville Female Academy, a famous school in its day, and Miss Pegram's "School for Young Ladies" in Richmond, Va. After the Civil War, she

lived with her aunt, Kate McGehee, at "Prairie Home," near Montgomery, Ala. It was there that she married, Nov. 2, 1869, Samuel D. Holt of Montgomery. Children:

A. Lucy Burton Holt, b. Jan. 25, 1871; mar. Apr., 1890, William Sumter Monk (d. Nov., 1923), banker. Children:

1. Myra Venable Monk, mar. Herbert West Smith. Children:  
a. William Monk Smith. b. Alton Douglas Smith.

2. Lucy Holt Monk.

3. William Sumter Monk, Jr.

4. Samuel Holt Monk, M.A. Princeton, 1924.

5. Richard Hundley Monk.

B. Willie Venable Holt, b. Aug. 5, 1873; d. 1901; mar. Sept., 1895, Rev. Rhea Lynn Walker, a Presbyterian minister. Children:

1. Catherine Venable Walker; mar. June, 1921, Fred. Heuer of Cleveland, Ohio.

2. Joseph Walker, a Presbyterian minister.

C. Mary Bratton Holt, mar. Nov., 1898, Thomas Simpkins McAloney of Ireland. Children:

1. Elizabeth Holt McAloney, A.B. Wellesley College.

2. Samuel Holt McAloney, now (1924) a Soph. at Dartmouth College.

D. Kate Ellerbe Holt, mar. Wilbur Fowler.

VII. Matthew Walton Venable, civil engineer, b. at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va., Apr. 8, 1847; studied at Hampden-Sidney Academy and College until 1864 when he joined C. S. A., Co. H., 1st Reg. of Engineers; studied at the University of Virginia after the war; in 1868, he went to West Virginia as a civil and mining engineer; now (1924), he is Pres. of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of West Va.; Director, Glade Creek Coal and Lumber Co. He married (1) Sept. 7, 1870, Maria Dyer of Cabell Co., West Va., who d. Nov. 1891. Children:

A. Gertrude Lynn Venable, b. June, 1871; mar. Nov. 9, 1892, Garland Todd Thayer, b. Oct. 26, 1864. Children:

1. Garland Todd Thayer, Jr., b. Mar. 21, 1894. He left the University of Virginia to join World War. He served as commander of a submarine chaser operating from Nova Scotia. He married Mar. 30, 1920, Clara Shaver of Nova Scotia. Children:

- a. Annette Thayer, b. Apr., 1921.
- b. Margaret Thayer, b. Mar. 22, 1923.
2. Margaret Thayer, b. Mar. 14, 1896.
3. Dorothea Thayer, b. Jan. 11, 1898; mar. June 23, 1920, Harrison B. Smith, Jr. Children:
  - a. Dorothea Bowne Smith, b. Sept. 12, 1921.
4. Gertrude Thayer, b. Oct. 9, 1900; mar. July 22, 1920, Wm. R. Johnson. Children:
  - a. Wm. R. Johnson, Jr., b. Oct. 17, 1921.
  - b. Gertrude Venable Johnson, b. Oct. 3, 1923.
- B. William Walton Venable, civil engineer, b. Aug. 19, 1873; mar. Annie Randolph Sterrett of Putnam Co., West Va. Children:
  1. Randolph Sterrett Venable, b. Feb. 13, 1902.
  2. Mary Louise Venable, b. Dec. 1, 1905.
  3. Robert Vance Venable, b. Aug. 17, 1903.
- C. Katherine Byrne Venable, b. Oct. 15, 1875; mar. Dec. 16, 1903, Richard Herring Hubbard of Wilmington, N. C. Children:
  1. Ellen Hubbard, b. Sept. 30, 1904.
  2. Katherine Hubbard, b. July 21, 1908.
- D. Charles Scott Venable, civil engineer, b. Apr. 13, 1878; mar. Ruby Donnally of Charleston, West Va. Children:
  1. Charles Albert Venable, died of "Flu," in World War, Sept., 1918, at Camp Taylor.
  2. Elizabeth Burlew Venable, mar. George Francis Davidson of Pittsburgh, Penn. Children:
    - a. Elizabeth Davidson. b. George Davidson.
  3. Walton Randolph Venable.
- E. Ernest Haymond Venable, civil engineer, b. Sept. 12, 1880; mar. Elizabeth Dabney of Charlottesville, Va. Children:
  1. Ernest H. Venable, Jr.
  2. Walter Dabney Venable.
  3. Douglas Venable.
  4. Matthew Walton Venable, 2nd.
- F. Laura Dyer Venable, b. Jan. 26, 1883; mar. July 6, 1923, John William Moore, M.D. (she is his second wife), a medical missionary, now (1924) stationed at Elizabeth Blake Hospital, Soochow, China. She graduated as a nurse at Johns Hopkins University, served as a missionary with Dr. Grenfell in Labrador. She was a member of the John Hopkins Unit which went to France with the first convoy of American troops in World

War. She was located with them in the Toole Sector, where she served two years. She was cited for bravery more than once.

G. Frederick Spottswood Venable, Assistant Chief Engineer of United Fruit Co. in British Honduras; b. Dec. 23, 1885; drowned, Aug. 15, 1915. While on his way to New Orleans on a business trip, his boat foundered about midnight in the Gulf of Mexico, no one escaped. His wife, Margaret Kevlin, of British Honduras, a "very lovely woman" and his little daughter, Frederica, survived him. His wife later married W. E. Smith of Batavia, N. Y.

H. Harry Magill Venable, b. in Newport, Ky., Oct., 1883; civil engineer, served in the 23rd Reg., U. S. Engineers, World War, at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and in the Argonne.

Matthew Walton Venable (b. 1847) mar. (II) June 21, 1893, Anne Haymond Byrne (a first cousin of his first wife). Children:

I. Capt. Benjamin Wilson Venable, U. S. A., b. Aug. 4, 1904, in Charleston, W. Va. He was first a manufacturing chemist; served on Mexican border; commissioned Capt. in Regular Army, 1918; Staff duty in Washington for two or more years after the World War; now (1924) Staff duty, Balboa Heights, Panama Canal Zone.

J. Richard M. Venable, civil engineer, b. Aug. 12, 1907, Charleston, W. Va., Ensign in World War; field engineer Pure Oil Co., for several years. Now (1924) developing coal in Logan Co., W. Va.

VIII. Gertrude Alice Venable, "a woman of unusual native gifts, and of great beauty," b. Nov. 24, 1848, at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va.; d. Nov. 17, 1901, Ocala, Fla. Educated by tutors and governesses. She mar. Nov. 11, 1868, at "Scott-Greene," William Adam Hocker, (b. Dec. 5, 1844, at "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va.; d. July 16, 1918, Jacksonville, Fla., son of William Hocker of "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va., and Susan Mildred Lewis, his wife). William A. Hocker, "one of Florida's most distinguished citizens," was educated at Hampden-Sidney College and the University of Virginia; admitted to the bar in Virginia, 1868; moved to Florida, 1874. He served as States Attorney, 1877-1886, his resignation; Judge of 5th Judicial Circuit, 1893-1901; Supreme Court Commission, 1901-1903; Justice of Supreme Court, 1903-1915, his resignation. He served as a private

in 2nd Va. Cavalry, C. S. A., in the battles of Five Forks, Apr. 1, 1865, Amelia Springs, High Bridge, and Farmville, until the surrender at Appomattox. (See: *Tampa Morning Tribune*, Mar. 10, 1910, and *Who's Who*.) Children:

A. Mary Venable Hocker, b. Dec. 29, 1869, at "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va.; d. in Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 19, 1914; mar. Mar. 18, 1891, in Leesburg, Fla., Charles Philip Lovell (she was his first wife). She was educated under governesses, at Peace Institute (medals in music and scholarship), at Christianburg, Va., and in Berlin, Germany, 1887, where she studied art in the Academy. Her husband, Charles P. Lovell, Major, 1st Florida Volunteer Infantry, Spanish-American War, Apr. 24, 1898; Col. Aug. 7, 1898; Brigadier-General, May 8, 1903. He served in the World War; Capt, Motor Transport Corps, U. S. A., Sept. 13, 1918, honorably discharged Oct. 19, 1919; Adjutant General of Florida Militia, with rank of Brigadier General, Jan. 4, 1921. Children:

1. William Hocker Lovell, d. y.
2. Charles Philip Lovell, Jr., b. Dec. 25, 1895; studied at the Univ. of Florida; First Lieut., Air Service, World War.
3. Gertrude Venable Lovell, b. June 30, 1897; studied at the Florida Woman's College; Lewisburg Seminary, Lewisburg, W. Va.; Johnson-Willis Sanitarium, Richmond, Va. Now (1924), Nursing Instructor at Woman's College, Harrisburg, Va.
4. Paul Carrington Lovell, d. y.
5. John Aston Lovell, d. y.

B. William Hocker, lawyer, b. at "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va., June 3, 1871; d. Dec. 21, 1923, in Ocala, Florida; mar. Dec. 18, 1901, in Leesburg, Fla., Elizabeth Key Hansbrough of Elizabethtown, Ky., a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. He was educated under tutors; at Bingham School, N. C.; at Eastman Business College, and the University of Virginia, where he got his B.L. The following editorial notice of his death was published in the *Ocala Weekly Star*, Dec. 28, 1923:

In the almost thirty years that Mr. Hocker has been a citizen of Ocala he has filled a large part of its business and social life. He was a man of high character and unusual attainments. Trained as an

attorney, he also possessed a judicial temperament and analytical mind which generally enabled him to see both sides of a question and often decide against his own wishes. He was widely read and had a great fund of information, well posted not only in the law, but in history and literature. He was admitted to be in the first rank of his profession, and if he had cared to he could also have won a high position in public life. He was also a writer of considerable ability and might have made an honored place in journalism if he had wished to do so.

Mr. Hocker was a man whose friendship was to be treasured. He gave it only to those whom he trusted, and once attained it was something a man could cheer his soul by, as though he had come in out of the chilly night and warmed himself before the household hearth. To those who possessed that friendship it will ever be a sacred memory.

Into the days of the height of his usefulness, when he was most happy as a husband and father, most useful as a citizen, most successful as a business man, came the insidious disease that finally claimed William Hocker as its own. Day after day he fought against it with cheerfulness and courage, but it drew him away from business and outdoor life, shut him in the sick room and tighter drew its torturing coils until the Angel of Death waved its dark presence away, and took the wearied spirit of its victim home. Mr. Hocker bore his long, painful illness bravely. He had no fear of the end and death came to him as a kind physician to lull him into rest.

#### Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Hocker, b. Jan. 16, 1903; A.B. Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., 1924.
  2. Margaret McDougal Hocker, b. Oct. 10, 1906, now (1924) a student at Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.
  3. Lucretia Adelaide Hocker, b. July 22, 1909; d. June 24, 1922; a young girl, "much beloved, and one of remarkable promise, of unusual literary and artistic talent."
- C. Lucy Lewis Hocker, b. Oct. 21, 1880; d. Oct. 23, 1881.
- D. Alice Walton Hocker, b. Mar. 20, 1883, at "Kinderton," Lake Co., Fla.; mar. in Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 3, 1902, Trusten Polk Drake. She was educated by governesses; at Agnes Scott College; at Fairmount College, Mounteagle, Tenn.; and Stetson University, Deland, Fla. Her husband was educated at St. Luke's, near Philadelphia; A.B. Princeton Univ., 1905. He is the son of James Elias Drake of Greenboro, Ala. (graduate of Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.; B.L. Univ. of Va.;

D.K.E.; Pres. Jeffersonian Society, Univ. of Va.) and Cornelia (Polk) Drake, daughter of Trusten Polk, Gov. of Missouri, later U. S. Senator for two terms. Children:

1. Trusten Polk Drake, Jr., b. Sept. 30, 1903, at "Drake's Point," Okahumpka, Fla. Student at Univ. of Fla.
2. William Hocker Drake, b. Nov. 2, 1909, "Drake's Point," Okahumpka, Fla.

E. Frederick Rochet Hocker, lawyer, b. Leesburg, Fla., July 12, 1891; mar. June 15, 1914, in Ocala, Fla., Mildred Ellen Montgomery of Elizabethtown, Ky. He was educated at various preparatory schools, and at Washington and Lee Univ.; B.L. Univ. of Fla.; Phi Kappa Phi. Children:

1. Clifton Montgomery Hocker, b. Ocala, Fla., Feb. 22, 1915.

IX. Robert Cocke Venable, civil engineer, b. July 17, 1850, at Hampden-Sidney, Va.; d. Jan. 7, 1922, Phelps, N. Y. He mar. (I) Sept. 26, 1882, at Tunnel Hill, Ky., Fannie Street Brown (b. Aug. 7, 1872; d. Mar. 3, 1888), a daughter of Alfred Street Brown and Mary Elizabeth (Haycroft) Brown, both of Tunnel Hill, Ky. Children:

A. Frederica Venable, b. Oct. 16, 1883, at Tunnel Hill, Ky.; mar. in Louisville, Ky., July 21, 1909, George Pond Parmelee (a mechanical engineer; graduate of Pratt Institute, N. Y.; b. Nov. 4, 1882, at Seneca Castle, N. Y., son of George Herbert Parmelee and Lilian May (Pond) Parmelee, both of New York State). Frederica Venable was educated at a private school in Louisville, Ky. Children:

1. George Venable Parmelee, b. June 16, 1910, in Geneva, N. Y.
2. Robert Brown Parmelee, b. Feb. 17, 1912, in Geneva, N. Y.

Robert Cocke Venable (1850-1922), mar. (II) at Versailles, Ky., Apr. 8, 1891, Mrs. Carrie (Barlow) Miller, b. Aug. 2, 1856; d. Feb. —, 1891, daughter of Milton and Anastatia Barlow of Richmond, Ky. Children:

B. Mary Kinkead Venable, b. Jan. 12, 1892, in Gadsden, Ala.; A.B., Kentucky University.

X. Charles Fontaine Venable, civil engineer, b. at Hampden-Sidney, Va., Dec. 21, 1852; d. at Ocala, Fla., Nov. 16, 1913; mar. (I) in Florida, July 3, 1877, Nannie Lewis Hocker of "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va., (b. June 10, 1852; d. May 24, 1886), the only sister of William A. Hocker, afterwards, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, and daughter of William

Hocker and Susan Mildred Lewis of "Oak Grove," Buckingham Co., Va.

*MARRIAGE LICENSE.*

The State of Florida

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE RITES OF MATRIMONY, GREETING:—

These are to license and permit you to join together in the Holy Estate of Matrimony

Charles F. Venable and

Nannie L. Hocker

and make return to this office as the law directs, to-wit within ten days.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Leesburg, this Second day of July A. D. 1877,

T. J. Ivey

Clerk Circuit Court, Sumter County.

(SEAL)

State of Florida,

County of Sumter,

This is to certify That I have joined together the above named parties in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, in pursuance of the above license this third day of July, A. D. 1877

(signed) John Daniel.

Recorded this 27th day of July, 1877, and I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original license.

(signed) T. J. Ivey, Clerk.

Children:

A. Mildred Lewis Venable, b. Apr. 24, 1878; d. Sept. 14, 1878.

B. Gertrude Venable, b. Dec. 8, 1879; d. Jan. 2, 1882.

C. Mary Priscilla Venable, b. Dec. 31, 1882; d. Mar. 10, 1883.

D. Elizabeth Marshall Venable, b. at "Bende Mere," on Lake Harris, near Leesburg, Fla., July 7, 1881. Educated by governesses, at Fairmount College, Monteagle, Tenn., and at the Woman's College, Tallahassee, Fla. Member, Jacksonville Chap. D. A. R.; member National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Resident in Florida; member of the Kappa Delta National Sorority. Author of "Venables of Virginia."

E. Clara Ambler Venable, b. at Center Hill, Fla., Sept. 20, 1884; mar. at Litchfield, Conn., July 29, 1908, the Rev. R. Townsend



Henshaw, son of John Handy and Jessie (Allen) Henshaw. She is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Resident in New York. He was b. in New York City, Feb. 3, 1882. Graduated from Harvard, A.B., 1904; A.M., 1905; Episcopal Theol. School at Cambridge, B.D., 1907. Ordained Deacon, 1907, and Priest, 1908. Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood, N. J., 1908-1910; Rector of Christ's Church, Rye, N. Y., 1910—. Served in the World War as Chaplain of Base Hospital No. 3, at Montpont; and Base Hospital No. 15, at Chaumont, France. Children:

1. John Handy Henshaw, 2nd, b. Aug. 7, 1909; Norwood, N. J.
2. Richard Townsend Henshaw, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1912; Rye, N. Y.
3. Paul Carrington Henshaw, b. Nov. 15, 1913; Rye, N. Y.
4. Clarissa Coventry Henshaw, b. Feb. 14, 1916; Rye, N. Y.

Charles Fontaine Venable (1852-1913) mar. (II) at Pemberton Ferry, Fla., Apr. 20, 1887, Alma Fredrika Gustafson (d. Aug. 12, 1911). Children:

F. Nadia Ethel Venable, b. Apr. 27, 1889, educated at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.; mar. Oct. 12, 1913, Hugh Pierce Hall. Children: 1. Hugh Venable Hall, b. Apr. 5, 1921.

G. Charles Fontaine Venable, Jr., b. Nov. 27, 1891; educated at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.; mar. Mar. 14, 1915, Alberta Lamb. Children:

1. James Bernard Venable, b. Sept. 25, 1916.
2. Charles Frederick Venable, b. Oct. 17, 1921.

H. Son, b. Apr. 14, 1896; d. Apr. 16, 1896.

I. Lelia Fredrika Venable, b. June 28, 1898.

J. Robert Walton Venable, b. Sept. 18, 1900; d. Dec. 17, 1909.

K. William Howell Venable, b. Sept. 4, 1903.

XI. Mary Cantey Venable, b. Dec. 10, 1855, at Hampden-Sidney, Va.; d. in Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922. She married, Oct. 17, 1876, Rev. Richard Clark Reed, b. Jan. 24, 1850 (a Presbyterian minister from Tenn., A.B. King's College, Bristol, Tenn., 1873; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va.; D.D., LL.D., King's College, Tenn.; Prof. of Church History in the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. Author: *The Gospel as Taught by Calvin; History of the Presbyterian Church of the World; What*

*is the Kingdom of God?* and numerous tracts and magazine articles. See: *Who's Who*.) Children:

A. Frederica Reed, b. July 19, 1877; won distinction as a student at Vanderbilt University; mar. (I) Fred. Otts, a Presbyterian minister, of Greensboro, Ala.; mar. (II), Aug. 29, 1915, her cousin-in-law, Gen. Charles Philip Lovell, Adjutant General of State of Florida, who d. Jan. 25, 1923.

B. Samuel Macon Reed, b. July 4, 1879; mar. July 21, 1909, Louise Campbell. He was educated at Vanderbilt University; University of South Carolina, A.B.; Columbia University, M.A. He was Professor of Ancient Languages, Davidson College, N. C. Now (1923) he is Dean of Hampden-Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Va. Children:

1. Samuel Macon Reed, Jr., b. Dec. 24, 1910.
2. Frederick Venable Reed, b. Feb. 17, 1915.

C. James Landrum Reed, electrical engineer, b. Oct. 25, 1880; mar. Oct. 2, 1905, Gertrude Marion Hall (b. Feb. 9, 1885; d. Sept. 14, 1907).

D. Cantey Venable Reed, b. Nov. 17, 1882; mar. Nov. 14, 1906, John Murphy De Vane (b. Nov. 18, 1875). Children:

1. Richard Reed De Vane, b. June 14, 1914.
2. John Murphy De Vane, b. Oct. 14, 1916.
3. Cantey Venable De Vane, b. Nov. 6, 1922.

E. Annie Venable Reed, b. Jan. 23, 1884; d. July 4, 1884.

F. Richard Craighead Reed, First Lieut., Supply Corps, U. S. N., b. July 12, 1885; mar. Oct. 9, 1919, Frances Du Bois Moore (b. Aug. 21, 1885) of Washington, D. C. He served with credit during the World War. He is now (1924) stationed in New Orleans, La.

G. Robert Gordon Reed, b. Mar. 6, 1896; mar. Feb. 8, 1918, Effie McDaniel Greene. Children:

1. Virginia Venable Reed, b. July 17, 1921.

XII. Frederica Venable, b. Dec. 9, 1857, at Hampden-Sidney, Va. She married, Aug. 30, 1882, at The Manse, Charlotte Court House, Va., Rev. Flaminio Augusto Rodrigues, a native Brazilian, Presbyterian missionary (b. Aug. 5, 1856, in Limeira, Sao Paulo, Brazil; d. Fredericksburg, Va., Aug. 13, 1907. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1880; B.D., Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va.). Both he and his wife spent most of their lives

as missionaries to Brazil stationed at "The Mission" of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Campinas, Brazil. Children:

- A. Flaminio Kemper Rodrigues, b. Mar. 20, 1884, at the Mission of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was drowned while attempting the rescue of a drowning companion.
- B. Frederick Venable Rodrigues, b. Nov. 18, 1885, at the Mission of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Campinas, Brazil.
- C. Nathaniel Venable Rodrigues, b. Dec. 1, 1887, at the Mission of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Campinas, Brazil; mar. "Pat" Johnson of Rockbridge Co., Va.
- D. Kate Doddridge Rodrigues, b. Mar. 20, 1890, in Selma, Ala.; mar. John Haw, Assistant Cashier of First National Bank of Richmond, Va.
- E. José Ramalho Rodrigues, b. at the Mission, Campinas, Brazil.
- F. Edward Lane Rodrigues, b. Aug. 24, 1893, at the Mission, Campinas, Brazil.
- G. Virginius Venable Rodrigues, b. Mar. 1, 1895, at the Mission, Campinas, Brazil.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Thomas Frederick Venable and Mary Priscilla (Venable) Venable, his wife, of "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER IV

NATHANIEL A. VENABLE, M.D.,  
OF "TIP TOP," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

NATHANIEL ABRAM VENABLE, M.D., of "Tip Top," Prince Edward Co., Va., b. 1814; mar. Agnes Catherine Venable, his cousin, dau. of Nathaniel E. Venable of "Longwood," Prince Edward Co., Va. A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1832; M.D. University of Penn., 1835; trustee of Hampden-Sidney College. She mar. (II) Albert Gallatin McGehee of "Prairie Home," Lowndes Co., Ala., a wealthy widower, with one daughter, Alice. No children by either marriage.

*Here endeth the record of Nathaniel Abram Venable and Agnes Catherine (Venable) Venable, his wife, of "Tip Top," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER V

MARTHA WATKINS (VENABLE) FLOURNOY  
OF "GRUB STREET," PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA.,  
AND HER DESCENDANTS

MARTHA WATKINS VENABLE, b. at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va., June 5, 1816; d., after 1904, in Farmville, Va. "She was a talented musician and charming woman"; mar. June 26, 1834, at "Haymarket," William Cabell Flournoy [b. Dec. 31, 1809, at "Union Hill," Nelson Co.; d. Mar. 3, 1861; A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, "a talented, distinguished lawyer, an attractive, benevolent, and honorable man; his many virtues will be long remembered." He was the son of Ann Carrington Cabell (1787-1854) and John James Flournoy of "Union Grove," Prince Edward Co., Va.]. See: *Cabells and their Kin*, pp. 355-360, for extended treatment. Children:

- I. Ann Cabell Flournoy, b. Aug. 21, 1835, at "Haymarket," d. y.
- II. John James Flournoy, b. Apr. 13, 1837, at "Haymarket"; d. Jan. 7, 1875; mar. Feb. 9, 1865, Lucy Merritt Wortley Allen (b. Jan. 28, 1839, at "East Cliff"; d. Aug. 26, 1868), dau. of Merrett B. Allen, M.D., of Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:  
A. William Cabell Flournoy, b. June 5, 1866, at "East Cliff."
- III. William Venable Flournoy, b. Sept. 2, 1839; d. May 14, 1842, at "Grub Street," Prince Edward Co., Va.
- IV. Benjamin Stanhope Flournoy, b. Nov. 3, 1841; d. July 23, 1842, at "Grub Street," Prince Edward Co., Va.
- V. Frances Florida Flournoy, b. July 6, 1843, at "Grub Street"; d. since 1904; mar. Dec. 24, 1863, John P. Fitz-gerald, lawyer, Lieut. Col., 23rd Va. Reg., C. S. A. (*Cabells and their Kin*.) No children.
- VI. Sara Venable Flournoy, b. Aug. 12, 1845, at "Longwood"; mar. May 14, 1872, Rev. J. C. Painter, a Presbyterian minister; C. S. A. Children:  
A. George Whitfield Painter. B. Martha Venable Painter. C. Graham Crockett Painter. D. Cabell Alexander Painter, d. y.

- E. Sallie Flournoy Painter, d. y. F. William Venable Painter, d. y. G. Landon Temple Painter. H. Henry Lewis Painter.
- VII. George Mallory Flournoy, b. Jan. 27, 1848; d. June 5, 1853, at "Scott-Greene," Prince Edward Co., Va.
- VIII. Judge Landon Cabell Flournoy, b. Mar. 4, 1850; mar. (I), at Uniontown, Ky., Feb. 27, 1877, Martha Givens, b. 1858; d. May 9, 1884. Landon Cabell Flournoy, A.B. Hampden-Sidney College, 1872, a lawyer and a judge. Children:
- A. Bessie Venable Flournoy, b. Jan. 29, 1878.
  - B. Florida Fitzgerald Flournoy, b. Aug. 31, 1879.
  - C. Sallie Wright Flournoy, b. Apr. 9, 1881.
  - D. Martha Watkins Flournoy, b. Dec. 24, 1882.
- Judge Landon Cabell Flournoy (b. 1850), mar. (II) May 3, 1888, at "Clover Hill," Susan Cabell Cobbs. Children:
- E. Mary Flournoy, b. Mar. 9, 1889.
  - F. Paterson Fitzgerald Flournoy, b. Sept. 20, 1890.
  - G. Mildred Cobbs Flournoy, b. Sept. 6, 1892.
  - H. Landon Cabell Flournoy, Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1894.
  - I. Thomas Stanhope Flournoy, b. at Morganfield, Ky., Oct. 24, 1896.
- IX. Alice Elizabeth Flournoy, b. at "Haymarket," Nov. 4, 1852; mar. Oct. 13, 1875, Littleton Fitzgerald, lawyer, of Richmond, Va., b. June 16, 1848. Children:
- A. Littleton Fitzgerald, Jr., b. Aug. 14, 1876; mar. Oct. 10, 1906, Elie Maury Werth, granddaughter of Matthew Fontaine Maury. Children:
    1. Mary Maury Fitzgerald, b. Aug. 2, 1907.
    2. Alice Flournoy Fitzgerald, b. Apr. 13, 1915.
  - B. George Fitzgerald, b. Jan. 29, 1877.
  - C. Cabell Flournoy Fitzgerald, b. Nov. 16, 1882; mar. Flora Shenton.
  - D. Alice Elizabeth Fitzgerald, b. Mar. 10, 1884.
  - E. Sallie Tazewell Fitzgerald, b. Dec. 7, 1888.
  - F. Marion Nantz Fitzgerald, b. Aug. 4, 1891.
  - G. Martha Venable Fitzgerald, b. Apr. 25, 1898.
- X. Charles Bruce Flournoy, b. at Prince Edward Court House, Nov. 11, 1854; mar. May 19, 1886, Virginia Dalby, b. July 4, 1863. They live in Charlotte, N. C. Children:
- A. John Dalby Flournoy, b. Jan. 10, 1888, in Richmond, Va.; d. Aug. 7, 1888, in Farmville, Va.



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B. Louise Flournoy, b. Oct. 5, 1890, Charlotte, N. C.

C. Martha Watkins Flournoy, b. Dec. 19, 1891, Charlotte, N. C.

D. Landon Cabell Flournoy, b. Aug. 1, 1895, Charlotte, N. C.

E. Alice Fitzgerald Flournoy, b. Jan. 29, 1897, Charlotte, N. C.

F. Charles Bruce Flournoy, b. Jan. 27, 1899, Charlotte, N. C.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of Martha Watkins (Venable) Flournoy of "Grub Street," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*



## CHAPTER VI

### WILLIAM GOODRIDGE VENABLE OF "DITCHFIELD," VICTORIA CO., TEXAS, AND HIS DESCENDANTS

WILLIAM GOODRIDGE VENABLE of "Ditchfield," Victoria, Co., Texas, b. at "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va., May 2, 1819; d. Feb. 29, 1908, at Falling Springs, Va., at the home of his youngest son, Rev. A. Sidney Venable; mar. (I) 1841, his cousin, Mildred Carrington (d. Apr. 14, 1843), dau. of William Allen Carrington, and Sarah Embry Scott of "Mildendo," Halifax Co., Va. He mar. (II), Dec. 10, 1845, his cousin, Sallie Tucker Venable (d. 1907), dau. of Dr. Paul Carrington Venable of "Wheatland," Mecklenburg Co., Va., and Emily (Carrington) Venable, his second wife. He was educated at Hampden-Sidney College, 1835, and the Univ. of Va. The following account of him is from *The Central Presbyterian*:

In 1850, he moved to Texas with his young wife and two children, and settled in Victoria county, seven miles from the town of Victoria. Here with a large force of negro slaves he engaged in farming, and here he reared his family, and spent the greater part of his active life.

Coming of old Huguenot stock, he, early in life, united with the Presbyterian church. Transferring his membership to the little church in the town of Victoria, he was soon elected a ruling elder, and though living at a distance of seven miles, he and his whole family were regular attendants on the services of this church for thirty-seven years. His feeling of responsibility for the spiritual welfare of his household extended to his slaves, for whom he provided religious instruction. The influence of this refined Christian family, on this wild country can hardly be over-estimated. Texas in those early times was sparsely settled, society was rude, and lawlessness was common. Oftentimes the gravest crimes went unpunished. It was through the influence of the few godly people then living in the country, and the large numbers that have come in since, that Texas is today a moral, law-abiding and God-fearing State; and no family has perhaps contributed more to bring about this result than the Venables.

During the Civil War, Mr. Venable several times offered his serv-

ices to his beloved Southland as a soldier, but the authorities invariably refused them; Gen. J. B. Magruder, on one of these occasions paying him the following tribute: "Go home, Mr. Venable, and do what you can to furnish the sinews of war. I know where your heart is, you are too valuable a man to be shot down in the ranks." And well he filled his trust, for he gave to the Confederacy all he made on his large plantation, outside of a bare subsistence, throughout the entire war, and never did a soldier, nor a soldier's wife, leave his door empty-handed.

In 1887, he moved to Sherman, Texas, where, having transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian church, he was soon elected an elder. In 1901, his wife and Miss Sally, his only single daughter, having died, he went to live with his son, Rev. A. Sidney Venable, at Bay View, Va., and in 1907 moved with him to Falling Springs, Va.

Although for several years before his death he became so feeble as to need assistance in getting about; yet his mind remained remarkably clear, living over again in memory his long active life, and returning a keen interest in current events. He sat in his invalid's chair, spending his time, chiefly, in reading God's Word, which for years he had made a practice of reading through at least once and sometimes twice a year, and in praying God's blessing on his children and the Church.

He always loved Texas, and when his son accepted a call to the College Park church, Sherman, Tex., he was delighted with the thought of getting back to his old State and his old friends; but before his son could leave for his new home, the old saint was called to a far better home, "a home eternal in the heavens."

Mr. Venable was a typical Southern gentleman of the Old School: generous, hospitable, courteous. He was a staunch Presbyterian, stern in his opposition to all he considered wrong, and warm in his approval and support of all he esteemed right. It can truthfully be said of him that he "brought up his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"; and as a consequence lived to see all his children and grandchildren safely housed in the Church of his choice. He was unobtrusive in his religious life, yet such was the purity of his life and character, that it was wonderfully potent in bringing men to Christ, for he was truly "a living epistle known and read of men," as numbers today will joyfully testify.

Out of a family of ten children, only four survive: Mrs. M. V. Lyte, of Bay View, Va.; P. C. Venable, of Sabinal, Tex.; W. G. Venable, Jr., of Sherman, Texas, and Rev. A. Sidney Venable, of Falling Springs, Va. Of the three sons, two are ruling elders in the Presbyterian church, and one a Presbyterian minister.

The funeral service at the grave was closed with a prayer of thanks-

giving for the life of this old Servant of God, and truly it should be an incentive to all to give utterance from the depths of their hearts, to the prayer of the old prophet—"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." As David said of Abner the son of Ner, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

#### Children:

- I. David Venable, d. y.
- II. Frederick Nantz Venable, died age fourteen.
- III. Mildred Lightfoot Venable, mar. William Francis Lyte, nephew of Henry Francis Lyte, the English clergyman, author of "Abide With Me." Children:
  - A. William Venable Lyte, mar. Jennie Shackleford, of Grayson Co., Texas. Children:
    1. William Francis Lyte.
    2. Mildred Lucile Lyte.
    3. Margaret Lyte.
    4. Lalla Sadie Lyte.
  - B. Emily Moon Lyte, mar. Thomas Spady Nottingham of Northampton Co., Va. Children:
    1. Francis Irving Nottingham.
    2. Elizabeth Jarvis Spady Nottingham.
- IV. Paul Carrington Venable, b. Aug. 3, 1852; d. Sept. 14, 1908; mar. Mar. 14, 1877, Georgiana Carpenter, a relative of Margaret Sangster, the writer. Children:
  - A. Emory Moon Venable, mar. Della —.
  - B. Margaret Ellie Venable, d. y.
  - C. Alice Venable.
- V. Sallie Emily Venable, d. s.
- VI. Frances Proctor Venable, d. y.
- VII. William Goodridge Venable, Jr., mar. Aug. 6, 1885, Sadie Heiskell Anderson (b. Dec. 23, 1836; d. Mar. 20, 1907), dau. of John Randolph and Mattie (Heiskell) Anderson. Children:
  - A. William Anderson Venable, missionary of Southern Presbyterian Church, Korea, b. 1887; mar. Virginia Jones, granddaughter of Thomas Stanhope Flourmoy.
  - B. James Heiskell Venable, d. y.
  - C. Sidney Carrington Venable, b. 1891; student at Texas Medical University, Galveston, Texas, 1912; First Lieut. Medical Corps, in charge of Army Hospital, Hoffman Island, N. Y., 1918.

Before the World War, he was Supt. Municipal Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

D. Douglas Randolph Venable, b. 1893, student volunteer medical missionary, 1912; First Lieut. and Regimental Surgeon, 144th Infantry at Camp Bowie, Texas, 1918.

E. Frederick Nantz Venable, d. y.

VIII. Albert Sidney Venable, b. Sept. 3, 1862, at "Ditchfield," Victoria County, Texas; A.B. Austin College, Sherman, Texas, 1889; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va., 1892, ordained, Boonesboro, Ark., 1892; 1918, President of Sayer College, Lexington, Ky.; resigned, 1919; 1924, Superintendent and Evangelist of Roanoke Presbytery, Synod of Va. He mar. Oct. 25, 1893, Sallie Elizabeth Garden, b. Feb. 27, 1868, at "Arlington," Prince Edward Co., Va. Children:

A. Sidney Johnson Venable, b. Nov. 13, 1894, at Van Buren, Ark.; A. B. Southwestern University, Clarksville, Tenn., 1916; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., 1918; ordained by Norfolk, Va., Presbytery, 1918; pastor first Presbyterian Church, Campbellsville, Ky., 1920. He mar. Dec. 17, 1918, Leucia Reynolds Butler, dau. of James A. Butler and Alice Hook Butler of Millersburg, Ky. Children:

1. Sidney Johnson Venable, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1922, at Millersburg, Ky.

2. Alice Garden Venable, b. Oct. 7, 1919, at Millersburg, Ky.

IX. George C. Moore Venable, d. y.

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of William Goodridge Venable of "Ditchfield," Victoria County, Texas.*

*Here endeth the record of the descendants of William Lewis Venable  
of "Haymarket," Prince Edward County, Virginia.*





## CHAPTER VII

THE DESCENDANTS OF FRANCES WATKINS NANTZ

(WIDOW OF WILLIAM LEWIS VENABLE)

AND REV. JOHN PROCTOR, OF SHELBYVILLE, KY.

FRANCES WATKINS (NANTZ) VENABLE [widow of William Lewis Venable (1780-1824) of "Haymarket," Prince Edward Co., Va.], mar. (II) Rev. John Proctor, a Presbyterian minister of Shelbyville, Ky., who d., Feb. 4, 1891, at Dr. Cocke's in Texas. Children:

I. John Proctor, died in Texas about 1907.

II. Mary Proctor, mar. Isaac E. Clark and lived in Washington, D. C.  
Children:

A. John Proctor Clark of Washington, D. C.

B. Edna Proctor Clark, mar. Dr. Henry Hayes. Children:

1. Henry Gillespie Hayes, a freshman at Yale (1924).

III. David C. Proctor, moved to Indianola, Texas, in 1857, where he lived until 1880, when he moved to Cuere, Texas; d. in Cuere, Texas, May, 1908. "He was a practicing lawyer of excellent standing." He married Ann Elizabeth Cocke [dau. of Rev. Stephen Cocke and his wife, Ann Augusta (Bland) Cocke, who went to Texas from Fincastle, Va., in 1848]. Children:

A. Fred Proctor, lawyer, moved to Beaumont, Texas, 1905, later to Houston, Texas; from 1905 to 1921, he was General Counsel for the Gulf Companies, being the Mellon Oil Interests in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. He married —. Children:

1. D. C. Proctor, lawyer, in Houston, Texas, an attorney in the Legal Department of the Gulf Company. He was a Captain in the U. S. Army in the World War. He volunteered the day war was declared.

2. Josephine Proctor married H. C. Nelms.

3. Lucy Proctor married — Miller.

B. Venable Bland Proctor, a practicing lawyer, senior member of his firm; married —. Children:

1. Bland Proctor, working for the Texas Company in Houston,

- Texas (1922). "He was a lieutenant in the 344th Machine Gun Battalion, the 90th Division, World War. He was in all the fighting from St. Mihiel through the Meuse-Argonne to Stenay, when came the Armistice."
2. David Proctor, lawyer, in the Legal Department of the Gulf Company in Houston, Texas. "He volunteered the day war was declared on Germany; but, being handicapped by light weight and nearsightedness, did not rank higher than a sergeant."
  3. Walter Proctor, a student of the Texas University (1922).
  4. Fred. Proctor, "named for his uncle, Fred Proctor. In High School in Houston (1922)."
  5. — Proctor, mar. V. R. Richardson. They are living in Houston, Texas. He was a captain in the U. S. A., World War. He volunteered the day war was declared.
  6. Nan Proctor.

*Here endeth the record of descendants of Frances Watkins Nantz and Rev. John Proctor.*

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## USES OF GRANDFATHERS

Many of the younger generation knocking at the door—which usually means delivering knocks on the heads of the older generation—seem to think that they present something entirely new in the world. But their impatience and self-satisfaction are really a story as old as the hills. In an essay written by WALTER BAGEHOT fully seventy-five years ago he gravely pleaded with the impetuous youth of that day to be a little kinder, if they could, to the virtues of their elders. At least, he said, they might bring their minds to look upon the old men of the time as the “painful prerequisites of grandchildren.” In other words, if there had been no stupidities of the aged, there could have been no brilliance of the young.

It was with something of this spirit that LYMAN BEECHER used to say, after some oratorical triumph of HENRY WARD BEECHER, “If it had not been for me, you would not have had him.” This line of thought might be commended to some of our heady reformers who never leave off railing at the wicked old men now cumbering the earth. Among their many crimes cannot be reckoned that of having been the progenitors, even if all unwittingly, of the present-day makers of a new Heaven and a new earth. But for the former, the latter would not have existed. And they in their turn will one day become the painful prerequisites of grandchildren, who will, if true to human nature and the history of the race, wonder why their stodgy grandfathers were ever born.

—From an editorial in *New York Times*.

